

Am? July 28th

Lexington, Kentucky: June 30th 1834.

Dear Sir

Through Wth Croom of Florida I am
informed of your intention to publish, "in the
course of a year", a new Flora of North America —
an intention which I concur with Wth Croom, and indeed
with all American botanists, in hailng with great
pleasure; and in the perfection of which I should
be much gratified to contribute a mite however small
— I therefore take the liberty of troubling you again
(I fear that I have already troubled you too frequently.)
with this communication to say, that during my investi-
gations among the plants of this quarter, I have met
with several which, if heretofore described, have been
described so badly that I have had great difficulty
in making them out; and am now by no means satis-
fied that I am correct in referring them to certain
species. Among these doubtful plants of my collection
I will at present barely mention a Melica — Sagina —
Cresina — Spermacoce? — Menispermum or Smilax? — Hede-
oma? — one or two asters — a Solidago — Prenanthes — Polypo-
dium — a Trillium from La Gruta near akin to one com-
mon Sepile, though certainly distinct — a Rhamnus? — Canda-
mine — Draba — &c &c

Now, although I do not pretend to say that these or any of them are new, yet I do say that if known they have been heretofore so inaccurately described, that the descriptions require to be re-written, to suit the species as they occur with us; and such improved characters I should be gratified to find introduced into your forthcoming work.

— To enable you to judge the more correctly of my views in relation to these plants, I should be pleased to communicate to you perfect specimens of them, together with remarks on each carefully made from living plants. If indeed I have not already supplied you with Kentucky specimens, I could by the fall make out, I think, an interesting parcel of such as I have not heretofore sent you. Would that be in time for your publication?

I have not had the gratification of hearing from you since some short time before your departure for Europe, although from the tenor of that communication I had some reason to expect the pleasure of hearing from you, on your return to America, and also of receiving a parcel of N. York plants. Having established correspondences and exchanges with various portions of the U.S. I hope, in process of time, to get together a very perfect collection of American plants, (indeed my Herbarium now occupies fifty large folio volumes,) and I should be much gratified to add to it all the plants of your neighbourhood.

from your hands, many of which I have already been favoured with -

My time during the Spring, Summer & fall for the last few years and during the present season, has been very busily engaged in the collection and preservation of the plants of Kentucky; of which I sent to different correspondents in Europe and America, during the past winter, about five thousand specimens. - It is my present purpose to examine, during the remainder of this year, some quarters of this country which I have not yet seen, as the west & dry prairies of Ohio, which I am told are especially rich in autumnal composites. Are there any of these in which you are particularly interested?

By a pamphlet which I received some time since from New York, I was informed of your resignation into the University of New York and regretted exceedingly the train of circumstances which compelled you to that step.

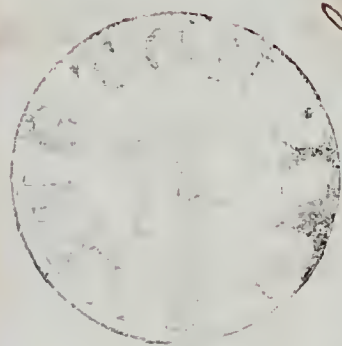
Sometime in the Spring I heard by a letter from Mr. J. Manesca, French teacher, 20 Reed Street, N.Y. that a parcel of plants from M. Michel, had been left with him for me. I immediately desired Mr. Manesca to deposit them with Mr. Leavitt merchant of yr city, with a request for Mr. Berupman, of that house, to forward them on to his

partner here. From the length of time which has elapsed since they and the parcel not having arrived, I am fearful that Mr. M. did not receive my instructions. Should your engagements, at any time, lead you into that part of the city, will you do me the favour to enquire of Mr. M. whether it has been disposed of as he was desired?

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John Torrey, M.D.

City of New York



Promising myself the pleasure of hearing from you before long,
I remain my dear Sir
very respectfully Yrs. C. W. Short.

Recd. Oct 21.14

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Lexington, Ky. Oct. 4th 1834.

My dear Sir—

Since the date of my last letter to you, (of June 30th) I have been favoured with your two communications of July 28th and Sept. 10th— and within a few days past Mr. Jas D. Toney has forwarded from Louisville to me the parcel of plants mentioned in your last. — For each and all of these favours I beg you to accept my thankful acknowledgements— The plants afforded me a richer treat than I have for a long time enjoyed, so great a portion of them were new to me and all highly interesting. "The pine Barrens of New Jersey", from which most of them come, must, indeed, be a productive locality, and in comparing these plants with those of this neighbourhood, I am almost induced to wish that some thousand acres of our luxuriantly fertile region, were transformed into the like sandy wastes. —

I regret to be obliged to say that my explorations this summer have been restricted to narrower limits than I had in the spring contemplated. — Various drawbacks, and especially the ill-health of my own family, have prevented me from visiting the prairies of Ohio, as I had confidently intended, or the mountainous portions in the Eastern & S. Eastern sections of this State. But although less extensive than I had hoped, my herborizations have been frequent to the distances of 12—20 miles around Lex.

ingston, and within these comparatively narrow bounds, I have found many things which I never met with before. These I will not here enumerate, as I trust before long to lay the subjects themselves before you. One of my last discoveries, and surely not the least in point of interest, was met with the other day (Oct. 1st) — the Leptanthus ovalis, Michx. which I found growing abundantly, and in company with its congener, L. reniformis, in a marsh not far from Frankfurt. This pretty little thing seems to have escaped the notice of all other Amer. authors but the original finder. Nuttall could never have seen it, since he speaks of the flowers as white! and Pursh admits that he never saw the living plant.

I think that you will find my collections of the present year less amenable to the objection of over-pressure than formerly, having adopted a plan which I consider a material improvement on that of pressure between papers only. I allude to the employment of thin cushions of soft cloth three or four double (I make them of old carpeting or blankets) between the sheets containing plants, instead of layers of paper only. In this way the more delicate petals & leaves have pressure enough to keep them from shrivelling whilst ~~thick~~ thick or succulent stems, the heads of compound flowers &c. find a yielding nidus in the cushion, and are consequently not crushed by the pressure — In this point I attach more consequence than perhaps the most of my brother naturalists, and it is one of my ambitions to form an extensive Herbarium of well made specimens: for I confess that I had almost as lief not have a specimen at

all as an imperfect, discoloured, mutilated one. Our friend
W. C. C. of North Carolina (now of Mass.) sent me not long since
a most interesting collection, of most miserable specimens of
the plants around Wilmington, N. C. — I hope you share of them
was better, for mine indeed was sadly wanting in the ~~labor~~ labor
of preparation.

I have never had an opportunity of seeing Dr. Gray's
works on Amer. Grapes &c. — Indeed, the first and only notice I had
met with of it, previous to the recd. of your last letter, was one
contained in a late No. of Dr. Hooker's Bot. Journal. I should
like much to possess it, and will immediately request my

book-seller, Mr. J. Dobson, of Phil.^a to procure &
send it to me. Are there any grasses or Cyperaceae
peculiar to this region which he would like to ob-

tain for this work? — if so it would afford me much

pleasure, when they fall in my way, to obtain them for him. —

When will your leisure enable you to favour the public with
the 2^d vol. of your flora? — Have I ever sent you a Catalogue of
the plants found hereabouts? — If I have not, or lest I have not,
I will forward another copy herewith, that you may mark thereon
such as you desire, and return it to me. This cat. although imper-
fect and not containing any of our more recent findings, may
yet, in this way, be of some use to you — Of such species as you de-
sire more than one specimen please so to designate.

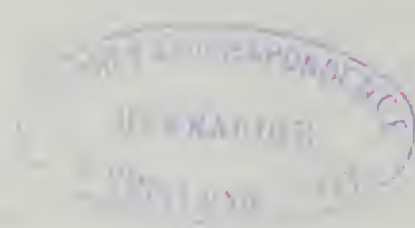
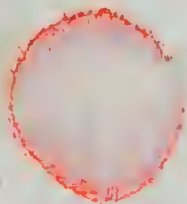
The package from M. Michel, which I trusted you to en-
quire after, has reached me safely. Very respectfully my dear Sir

I am yours. C. W. Shreve

P.S. My collections for this season are now drawing to a close. As soon as they are entirely over, I will, at once, set about the task of distribution; but having a very great number to dispose of, and some 10 or 12 different parcels to form, and withal but a limited portion of time to work at this business, during the winter, I cannot say precisely when you may expect your portions. By Christmas at farthest, I hope to despatch them.

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John Torrey, M.D.
City of New-York.



Can you put me upon the most convenient plan for the arrangement of my Herbarium — Having my specimens now in single sheets, arranged by clipes in Port. folios, I find exceedingly troublesome for ready reference.

Recd. Oct 11, 1834
Ans. 23rd

Washington Ky. Oct 13th 1834.

My dear Sir -

I wrote to you on the 4th Inst. acknowledging the safe arrival of your package of plants - I now trouble you with this, to ask the favour of you to send me a copy (if you have one to spare,) of your account of the Plants found by Dr. James west of the Mississippi - I want it for Dr. Leavenworth of the Army, now stationed at Fort Trowson, Arkansas Territory, where he is making some collections of plants, and experience, much inconvenience from the want of books - He was greatly perplexed with your *Thamnia lanceolata*, not being able to find it either in Nuttall or Pursh. - your paper will no doubt aid him much in determining the rare plants of that region -

My botanical labours in the way of gathering & drying are now fairly put to a close, and that of analyzing & describing next follows; when I have finished that you shall hear from me again.

In the meantime, most respectfully

I am yours. Wm. B. How

P. S. I desired you to designate on our Catalogue of Ky. plants
such as you might desire to prep. - I now append to it
the following list, discovered in Ky. since the Cat. was publs.

Andromeda paniculata,
Acer nigrum,
Baehneria lateriflora,
Anematherum Kentuckiensis, Tor.
Archemora rigida, with broader leaves,
Agrimonia Sasacoleus,
Aster Carolinensis,
Asclepias variegata,
Bidens comosa, Hooker.,
Bletia aphylla, exceedingly rare,
Bromus Canadensis,
" *pubescens*,
Botrychium dissectum,
Carex, several species not suffi-
ciently well determined }
Cocculus carolinus,
Digitaria filiformis,
Festuca nutans,
" *tenella*,
Gonolobus macrophyllus?,
Gentiana Caterbaei,
Hedeoma or *Cunila*?,
Glyceria fluitans,
Eupatorium ovatum, Bw.
Kalena Pennsylvanica,

Kalena truncata,
Desmodium paniculatum,
" *Scaberrimum*,
" *Aspidatum*,
" *Bracteatum*,
" *Marylandicum*,
" *obtusum*,

Houstonia ciliolata,
Hypopeltis obtusa,
Malaxis ophioglossoides,
Lycopodium dendroideum,
Melica diffusa?
Leptanthus ovalis,
Lernania glaucochloris,
Panicum proliferum,
Phlox glaberrima,
Panax trifoliatum,
Poa multicaulis, Tor in l. H.
— *Pectinacea*,

Polypodium connecte,
Prunus obovatus,
Poa parviflora,
Potamogeton compressum,
Polygonum leptophyllum,
Ranunculus pusillus,

Rosa corymbosa,
" *rubifolia*,
Sagittaria obtusa,
Scirpus triquetus,
" *laciniatus*,
Stytipus Verna, Raf.
Stachys Sylvatica,
Senecio hieracifolius,
" *Aureus*,
Seymeria macrophylla,
Sesymbrium Canadense,
Solidago Sphacelata, Raf.
" *repens* "

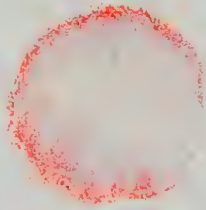


Tragia macrophylla ^{capra.} }
" *Coidata*, Mx. }
Veratrum viride,
Viola tenella,
Triosteum angustifolium,
Anirola gracilis,
Urtica procumbens,
" *Canadense*,
Urtica Canadensis,
Cardamine Ludoviciana, Raf.



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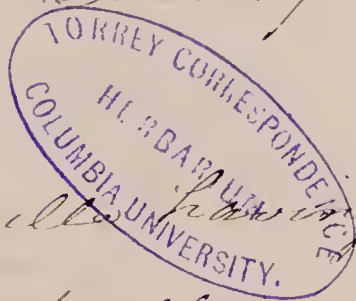
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Lexington Dec^r 17th 1834.

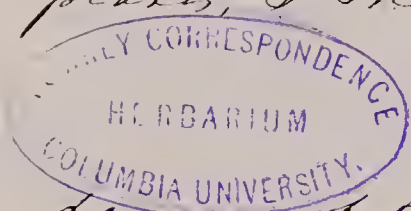
and. Much 30th

My dear Sir -

Your brother of Louisville having informed me
some days ago that he would shortly go on to New York
and offering to take charge of any parcels for you, I yes-
terday sent to him by a Confidential Hand, a box containing
Sunday parcels from myself, and one from my friend and
fellow-labourer D^r Peter of this place. The plants which
we send are no doubt very much the same, but as you
have more than once assured me that we "could not sur-
feit you" with Kentucky plants, and as I am certain that
D^r P.'s specimens are quite as good as my own (which you
have been pleased more than once to compliment,) I trust
that neither will be unacceptable to you; if only for the
purpose of exchanging with ^{others} ~~xxx~~; and there are some in each
which I trust will find a place in your own Herbariums.
D^r Peter will address you in relation to his his portion of
the present package, and inform you what he would be pleas-
ed to receive from you in exchange. For myself nothing can
come amiss, but species of extensive genera, tending to illu-
minate and clear doubts in relation to them, will be more
particularly acceptable - Among these, the Arctos, Grapes, Cy-
peraceae, Comae, &c. are particularly desired. You will find
that those which I send you in this parcel consist entirely



of these tribes (Gramineae, Cyperaceae &c) with some Asclepiads & ferns, having as yet only had time to distribute that portion of my collection. As I proceed with the remainder I shall still lay aside a due proportion for yourself, so that by the spring you may expect a still farther and perhaps a still larger supply. If you are not then "satisfied" with the Kentucky plants, I shall consider you omnivorous indeed.



Your favour of the 23^d Oct. came duly to hand, as well as the catalogue of Ky. plants, marked by Dr. Gray and yourself. The former, I have not sooner acknowledged because I wish to inform you specifically of having sent you a parcel before I wrote; and the latter I have been unable to comply with, at present, so far as regards the wants of Dr. Gray, because I have nothing like the number of specimens he designates as being desired by him, and I supposed a smaller number would answer him no good purpose in his publication; therefore I have sent him none at this time. Another season should he still want them I may be enabled to collect them with especial reference to his wishes.

I know nothing of the *Hypericum dolabiforme* Mx. nor do I see any such species mentioned by him. I suspect therefore it is one of Rafinesque's fabrications, and that the plant is not found in Ky. I have no faith in, nor patience with Raf. and they

have been since lower (if possible) of late than ever. He desired me not long since to send him certain Hy. plants, expressing a great desire to possess them, and promising anything in return. Willing to accommodate him, and wishing at the same time to test the truth of his numerous new discoveries in this state, I told him he should have what he asked of me, provided he would send me some of the new Genera and Species which he had met with here. This he declined doing because he could not exchange his new plants;— he could only sell them! This confirms me in my suspicions that he really has them not, and that his pretended discoveries exist only in pretension. I am the more confirmed in this opinion from his having acknowledged that he never met with the Heune Celovides in this state, then which a more common plant does not exist in certain localities which he must have visited. All this, however, entire now; I have no wish to injure the poor fellow, and if he can live by imposing on others. I have no objections. I am sorry, however, that I have met with so few Hypocnemis this season, since they seem to be at present an especial object of your investigation.

I am indeed under great obligations to you for your kind offer to make marginal observations on Nuttall's plants of Arkansas; and for this purpose I will desire Mr. J. Dobson (my bookseller) of Phil^a. to send you a copy of that part of the Phil. Soc.^s Trans.^s containing it. — By the bye, I am very anxious to obtain for my friend Dr. Leavenworth (of the U. S. Army, now stationed at Fort Tison.) a copy of your memoir on the plants collected by Dr. Thomas on Long's expedition. Can you favour me with one for him. If not, I must desire Mr. Dobson to send me the vol. of the Ann. N. Y. Lyceum containing it — If you have a spare copy of the separate paper, pray send it to me by mail.

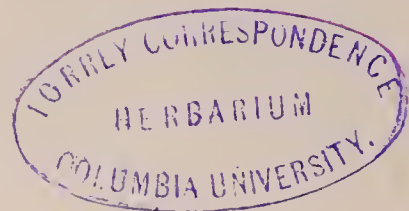
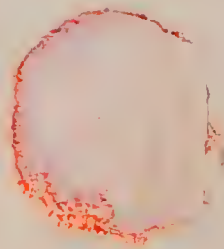
Very sincerely, my dear Sir.

I am yours C. D. Short

I have neglected to mention that in the box sent to your brother for you, there are two small packets directed to Prof. Dewey, which I will be under great obligations to you to forward to him - I do not know his present residence. - I should be much pleased to hear from you on the receipt of this box, and to have your free remarks on any or all the plants it contains.

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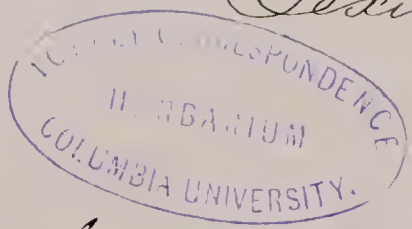


You will find no doubt some random shots among the names of my carices, about which indeed I know very little, but I have ventured to affix names to some of them, chiefly to assist my recollection of their localities. - I have reason to believe that this State is especially rich in this genus.

C.W.P.

Rec^d? Apr. 2nd
And

Lexington, Ky. March 22^d 1835.



My dear Sir.

I had hoped before this time to have heard from you on the subject of a box of plants, which, about the middle of December last, was placed on the hands of your brother in Louisville. As he spoke of setting out in the course of a few days from that time, on his way to New-York, and as he promised to take the parcel with him, I have reason to hope that you received it some considerable time ago. Knowing however the pressure of your engagements during the winter, I will not scold you too harshly, provided you will favour me with a few moments of the leisure which, I presume, is now on your hands. Pray let us have your free remarks on the plants of our last parcel, which we have ventured to consider new or undescribed. At the time of sending the above parcel to Louisville, I wrote to you and informed you of it, stating at the same time, that I had not then distributed my entire collection of duplicates, which I was at that time engaged in, and promised you a further supply when I had finished. The chief object of my now troubling you is to say, that I have now made out and despatched another parcel for you. About the first of this month a box was sent from this to Mr. Judah Dobson, Bookseller, Philad.^a containing several packages, from Dr. Peter and myself, from various friends and correspondents, and among them one for yourself. As this box will probably have reached Phil.^a by the time you get this it would be well to give Mr. D. your orders concerning

it. He has, I think, an agent in your city to whom I suppose he could it almost anytime send it.

Agreeably to the intimation which you were so kind as to make, I desired my old friend Mr John Vaughan of Phil^a. Some months since, to send to you that part of the Trans. of the Am. Philos. Soc. containing Mr. Nuttall's paper on the Botany of Arkansas, in which you were so good as to promise to make some observations and corrections. Have you rec^d it, and had time to make your notes? I perceive that Mr. Nuttall, (Trans. Acad. Nat. Sc. Phil^a. part 1. vol. 7. 1834.) thinks our *Rhamnus lanceolata*, distinct from Pursh's plant; and that he gives me credit for a new *Solidago* & *Hydrophyllum*.— This last is probably the same plant which, about three years ago, you informed me that Mr Schweinitz had found in Indiana or Illinois.

I desired Mr. Dobson some time since, to send me the publication then in press by Dr. Gray and yourself on Am. Cyperaceae & Gramineae, but he has not done so. How much of the work is published, to what extent will it reach, and when probably completed? The number of specimens which Dr. G. marked on the Catalogue you returned so greatly exceeded what I had on hand that I sent him more. If among those which you receive from him are any which he wants for this work I will endeavor to supply him this season.

very respectfully, my dear Sir,

I remain yours truly

C. W. Short.

Recd. Aug 1. 59

Lexington Ky. August 11th 1835.

My dear Sir-

Since writing to you in the early part of Spring, I have been favoured by your two communications of April 4th and June 17th the former containing some remarks on the first parcel of plants, chiefly gramineae, sent to you this Spring - the latter from Princeton by my brownman Mr. Burrows. — I hope that I shall soon now be gratified by your further observations on the plants of the second parcel which you have rec^d through Mr. Dobson, as your labours in Princeton must by this time have ended. And I look with no small degree of anxiety for the promised parcel of plants from you. You may remember that a year or two ago I sent you a formidable list of desiderata from your Compendium; the most of these are still needed by me and many of them would be highly acceptable.

I have not been idle this season, but as usual have made very considerable collections, and among them a number which I had not before known as Kentucky plants. It was early in the season my fixed determination to have visited Arkansas and Illinois, with reference exclusively to an examination & collection of their plants: the bad health of one of my children has prevented this, and compelled me to restrict my searches to narrower bounds: and perhaps I should not regret this curtailment of my wanderings, since it has made me acquainted with denizens of my own country, which I might have missed in my visit to strangers.

I have rec^d the two volumes of Dr Gray's works, and am pleased with it. I trust, indeed, that he may be induced to persevere in the undertaking until he has given us all these tribes which are attainable in quarterly. At his request I have gathered largely of certain grapes &c. this season for him, and, meeting with a good opportunity a few days since, I put up a parcel for him, and sent it to Mr. Judah Dobson. Phil^a. Knowing that Dr. Gray was absent from New-York I took the liberty of directing this parcel to yourself, and must now beg the favour of you to procure it from Phil^a and send it to Dr. G. or retain it in your hands for him, as may be best. This parcel does not embrace all the species which Dr. G. desired of me, nor all which I shall obtain for him this season; but hoping that C or S subjects might aid him in getting out another part of his work soon, I thought it best to send those then on hand. Among them are specimens of your new Carices - *C. stenolepis*, & *C. thortii* - for the latter name, however much undeserved, I hope that I entertain sentiments of appropriate gratitude.

Dr. Gray informed me some weeks ago, before leaving New-York, that a small parcel had reached the city for me, from Prof. Dewey, directed to your care. - If no disposition has been made of this will you do me the favour to have it sent to Mr. Dobson?

Is not Rafinesque a madman! and have you honestly any confidence in him? - I sent to him this spring a considerable collection of plants, at his earnest desire, and beg'd him to let me have in return some of the many new Genera and species which

he had discovered in this country, that I might be aided in my search for and examination of them. Instead, however, of this his return package contained a miserable parcel of things, most of them as familiar to me as a "thrice told tale", together with some faded fragments of exotic affairs, rendered imposing and venerable by being labelled from "Etna", "Egypt", "Palestine" &c. &c. — He pronounced our common *Dodecatheon* a new species! and does me the honor of ~~proposing~~^{offering} me an Apotheosis among these twelve gods, by dedicating this species to me, which added to his twelve new species of that Genus will make the full bankers dozen! — This blows up all my calculations, for I had set it down as one of my discoveries that you had gone too far in making two species of *D. meadia* & *integrifolia*.

Can we not manage to silence this endless discoverer of new things, by raising among the botanical corps of the country an annuity for life? — This if not a "Divine Scheme" might at least afford him a decent competence, and prevent him from being under the necessity of gulling, or attempting to gull, the public with pulchre — fire proof & pearl hatching, together with new genera & species ^{without number} in all the departments of nature — If I could lend a helping hand to effect this, and towards suppressing all his published nonsense I should be sure of having rendered a greater service to Science than I shall ever do in any other way. —

Can you let me see specimens of the *Am. Varicaria*? I have found one single specimen of something which must belong to this genus, but does not suit the description of either of the three given by Hooker — I find great difficulty in getting his *Amor. Flor.* or *Bot. Jour.* even a long time after they are published —

Very respectfully I am dear Sir,
yours &c. C. W. Shorth

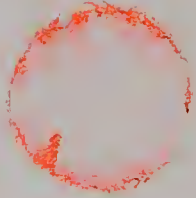


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John Torrey, M. D.

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City of New York



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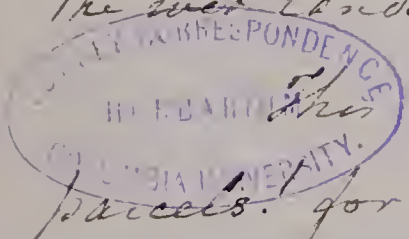
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Lexington, Ky Dec 13th 1835.

My dear Sir

Some weeks ago I had the pleasure of receiving your welcome assurance of the 9th Inst. but it was not until about ten days ago that the parcels of plants therein mentioned came to hand. They were, I need not inform you, highly interesting and most acceptable to us - especially those from Alabama and Florida which were entirely new to us. How do you & your son such excellent specimens from these quarters? - Are there any resident botanists there? - In spite of all my efforts to perpetuate some information as to the method of preserving specimens, I get nothing from the West or South but most miserable things. The best specimens have come from Dr Leavenworth, recently stationed at Fort Tabor, Arkansas; but owing to the great difficulties of communication between this and that, almost everything he has sent me has been lost. He is now transferred to Key West, and I am not informed of the nature of the fields which he will there have opened to him. Should you feel disposed to share in his collections made there, I am sure I will afford him pleasure to send you and the intercourse between that Station and New York, much be frequent.

I believe that I informed you in my last of my excursion to "the Barrens" of this State, one of the collections there made. With that trip terminated my out-door labours

for the season, and ~~they~~^{which} have resulted in the acquisition
of a greater number of Specimens than I have ever yet col-
lected; for Mr. Thunberg, of Louisville, together with Dr. Peter
and myself, have, during the season, added fully 200 Spe-
cies to our Catalogue of the plants of Kentucky. Among these
perhaps a few are new; and of these an Eupatorium, by far
the most beautiful, that I know, of that vast genus, was found
by me in a noted locality, the neighborhood of the Mammoth
Cave! This I shall call E. Torreyanum, and shall so venture
to publish it in the forth coming No. of the Transylv. Jour. of Med. &c.
—another is a Lindusgia, nearly allied to L. mollis, of Elliott from
the wet lands around Louisville; and a third a Scutellaria.
This collection I am now distributing into seventeen
parcels for various friends and correspondents in Europe &
America, and I need scarcely say that one of the most choice
is for yourself. Inasmuch, however, as I can only work at this
distribution at stolen moments, during the winter, it will pro-
bably be spring before I get through, so that you must not
expect this treat of western plants before March or April.
They shall be sent, as usual, to Mr. Dobson, and you will be
apprized of the time of their departure from this. I am now
bending all my efforts, in this way, toward the formation of
a large and perfect Herbarium of ^{the} American plants; and I can
effect this in no other way than by the medium of exchange.
Can you inform me of any gentlemen of Maine or Canada
who are likely to keep me to the plants of their neighborhoods for mine.

The neighborhood of Louisville in this State is decidedly the richest locality I have seen for palmate and aquata plants, where my friend Mr H. A. Griswold is quite actively engaged in their study and collection; should you be disposed to share his collections I am sure he would be pleased to exchange with you. By-the-way I found in your late parcel to me a small one for this gentleman from Dr Fischer, of St. Petersburg, which you were so good as to forward - it consisted, however, only of a parcel of seeds, a pamphlet and a letter, in which Dr F. speaks of his intention to send Mr G. some plants; and inasmuch as I find among your plants, sent to me, some specimens from the north of Europe, it has occurred to me that there may probably be those intended by Dr F. for Mr Griswold. Will you be so good as to give me early information on this head, that I may transfer them to the rightful owner, if they be not mine.

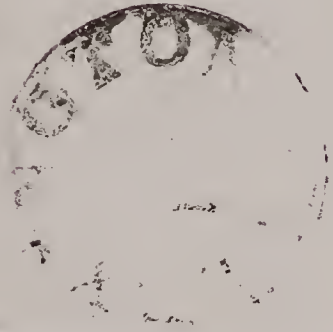
I am pleased that you concern with me so fully in my project for a new collection; and I hope you will not permit the multitude of your engagements to allow you to forget your promise to have me such a thing made, before spring. I will here add a request for a second for my friend Peter. We hope to have them in readiness for the opening of the next campaign. A bill of their cost sent to Mr Dobson will be paid on presentation.

Be pleased to say to Dr Gray that his letter and plants have been received also, and shall be soon acknowledged -

Very truly, my dear Sir, I am yours &c
C. C. Short.

Handwritten flourish or signature

Dr John Torrey
city of New York



Recd May 24th

and Sept 8th

Lexington Ky. April 25th 1836

My dear Sir —

I do not think that I have ever answered your letter of the 6th of Feb^y. which came before I was in due time, and found me busily employing all my leisure time in the selection and distribution of a very large collection of plants, made chiefly during the past season — That labour is now but just over, and about ten days ago I sent off from this to Philadelphia three large cases of dried plants — one of these I have desired M^r. Dobson, to whom they are all sent, to forward to yourself, and it may perhaps be well for you to address him also on the subject.

You will find in this case a large bundle of specimens from myself, and a smaller one from D^r. Peter, for yourself — a parcel for D^r. Gray — one for M^r. Wm Oakes, of Ipswich, Mass; and another for D^r. Alvan G. Chapman, of Quincy, Florida. These last I have taken the liberty of troubling you with, because I thought it would be more in the route of transportation, to forward them direct from New-York, than Phila. D^r. Chapman, to whom I wrote, at your suggestion, informed me that he would leave Florida about the 20th of April, on the way to Southampton, Mass. and as it is probable he will pass through New-York, where of course he will call on you, I thought the

opportunities a good one of conveying this parcel to him; and consequently I wrote to him to that effect. — Should he leave anything with you for me I will thank you to have it sent to Mr. Dobson — The parcel for Mr. Bar. I will inform him is in your hands 'subject to his order.'

— Your own parcel is so large an one, that I trust you can scarcely fail to find at least a few things in it, which will be interesting or acceptable; although I am conscious that the most of them will not be so, except for the purposes of farther distribution — When they reach you I trust that you will favour me with full and free remarks on all such as may seem to require it, especially those which I have ventured to consider new, or undescribed — You will find that this parcel will place you fearfully in my debt, and I must charge you to make arrangements, at once, for cancelling it, before I begin another array of entries against you, on the score of plants from the prairies of Illinois, where I hope to visit for some portion of this Spring & Summer!

Shall we not see your paper on N. A. Cyperaceae before the publication of the 3^d vol. of the Lycopodium? — a proof sheet of the paper was sent me by Dr. Gray, for which I thank you. — Please to present my respects to him, and say, that I shall write to him in the course of a few days —

Very truly, my dear Sir.

I am yours &c

W. B. Short

(Rec'd Dec 11th.)

And Ser Bth

Lexington, Ky, Nov. 27 1836

My dear Sir

Your several favours of Sep. 9. 11. & 29. reached me in due season; and I am under very particular obligations to you, for the very interesting and highly satisfactory information which they contain, in relation to the plants which I sent you in the spring. I have also the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of one of the parcels which you sent to Mr. Robinson this fall. It was directed to myself, and contained a parcel for Dr. Peter, which was delivered to him. I request very much that the second parcel which you have been so good as to forward to Mr. D. for me, did not reach Phil^a in time to be brought out by the same opportunity. I shall expect it shortly, however. — I will now advert to a few particulars brought up by a perusal of your three last letters. — To the box which I had the pleasure of making up for you last spring, was a parcel for Mr. Baker, of Mass. I wrote to him on the subject about the time of sending it, informing him of my having come on, and requesting him to favour me with an exchange of New England plants; but I have not rec'd a line from him, nor have we his having gotten the box. Can you give me any information on the subject? — I am gratified to hear from you that Dr. Chapman got his. He has favoured me with a fine parcel of Florida plants. — It is not what there to be most pleased or sorry to hear of Dr. Gray's intention to accompany the contemplated expedition of Discovery: for al-

although none, perhaps, could be better qualified than himself
to discharge the duties of botanist to such a voyage, yet we
can only spare him from our own ranks. — I look with much
anxiety to the continuance of his excellent and useful work
on our grapes &c. — By the bye what has become of the
copy of your monograph on the *Cyperaceae* which you pro-
mised me? — That also of the *Polygaleae* I should like to have,
and must, therefore, make arrangements for obtaining the au-
thor of your *Synonyma* as they are published. — Our Med. Lib.
broom has the 2 first volumes only. How much more is
printed? — I would thank you to tell Dr. Gray that I am
preparing to contribute my little towards his outfit, in the
form of a portable press, which I will send to Dr. Dobson
in the course of a day or two. He will please direct Dr. Gray to
forward it to him.

— I am very glad to hear that you have found
something in my last parcel to puzzle and interest you, in the
little cruciferous plant from Texas. — I have but one single spec-
imen myself, but I have written to Dr. Seaborn with, who is
now stationed at Fort Tappan, Tex., to endeavor to obtain you
an ample supply of it. He speaks of making a journey into
the Spanish territories at spring, when he will have an oppor-
tunity of getting it, if not within our own limits. — You do
not mention a cruciferous plant from this neighborhood where
it sent you a few specimens of, having only found one my-
self. — I supposed it a *Lesqueria*. Is it so? — What I supposed
the *Coccamia* *umbellata*, Mx. I have never seen but in one

locality and that is the western portion of this State; where
I shall probably be next season, and will not then forget it.

— The flower of your *Desmodium dentatum* is a dirty white
colour exhibiting in the centre a bright yellow, from the mag-
nitude of the anthers, which are large for so small a flower.

— I must beg leave to protest against your preference
for *minum* over *nivalis*, as the name for *Piddell's* near
Bullion — the name has reference to its flowering among the
snow of early spring, and not to the snow-white colour of
the flower. — I regret that you did not find in your last letter
any mention of an the undetermined plant which I sent
you. It was a species, with leaves only, of a small
shrub which I met with in the Barrens of Ky. with-
out either flower or fruit. Its leaf, I observe, is highly
aserrate and pungent, very much like that of the *Sambucus*.
Do you know it? — Is my new *Eupatorium* likely to stand?
— Your offer of a hint of algae is thankfully accepted.
I have a few but should like to have a fine collection
before I begin these studies, but, I hope, by the aid of
Agardh's and Griseb's books, will not be difficult. —

you ask me what I have been doing this season
in the way of Botany? — Not a great deal, I fear, but
I have not been idle, some part of what, with the aid of
further specimens, you will probably be furnished with by the
spring. — Excuse the demure matter, and the miserable man-
ner of this letter. It is written with a scarcely so called pen
which I cannot guide or manage. — Very truly yours &c

W. L. G. Short

47. And. Sept 11th 1840.

Louisville, Ky. July 25th 1839.

My Dear Sir. —

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after a very long silence I was favoured, a few weeks past, with your ~~favorable~~^{letter} of the 3^d. ult. and more recently that of the 12th. inst. has come to hand. — I thank you for your remarks on the plants which I had the pleasure of putting up for you last fall; and also for your kindness in forwarding to me through Mr. Dobson, the parcels from Dr. Chapman, and Dr. Steetz of Hamburg, both of which reached me in safety. That however from Dr. Leavenworth, to which you allude, has not been rec^d.

I am much gratified to hear of Dr. Gray's very successful and pleasant labours in Europe, and I trust that he will in due time return safely to his home, richly laden with the fruits of his Discoveries. It seems somewhat strange, however, that whilst European naturalists visit our continent for the purpose of investigating its productions, braving the dangers and discomforts of toilsome journeys through untrodden forests and pathless prairies, in search of something new; our naturalists should find them in their own collections, in the very heart of Science, and centre of civilization! I fear, however, that I but poorly merit the high honor which Dr. Gray proposes for me, and if it is only to be attained by a pilgrimage to the Carolina Mountains, I must even forego it altogether even tho' it be my last and only chance of an Apotheosis. The circumstances of my present situation utterly preclude the possibility of my making that tour at present; and unless the plant in question may chance to have been found

by our friend Curtis, (who by the bye informed me last spring that he intended this very summer to make a lengthened excursion through those very mountains) I fear that the Shortia galacifolia, of Torr. & Gray, must still remain among the "plants incognitae" of the Michauxian Herbarium. I believe, however, that I have on former occasions expressed to you a very great veneration for the excellent Frenchman who was almost the first pioneer of American Botany; and it has been a source of no small gratification to me to have been so fortunate as to find again, in my herborizations through Kentucky, several of his plants; which, having escaped the observation of other Botanists, they were disposed to question the existence of. You must remember the unkind insinuation which Nuttall, in his Genera, throws out in relation to the Bellis integrifolia — that "no American Botanist had met with it since the days of Michaux!" when the truth is that in some parts of Kentucky no plant whatever is more profusely abundant. The same sort of questionable uncertainty, to a considerable degree, seems also to have hung around his Pachysandra procumbens — Cunila glabella — Cardamine uniflora, and others, all of which I have been so fortunate as to substantiate, and to distribute authentic specimens of over Europe and America. For these reasons, among others, I feel solicitous that the plant refer'd to by Dr. Gray should be investigated thoroughly, even though it should not prove, as supposed by De Cane, to be un tiers distinct genus. I will write immediately in relation to it to Mr. Curtis; and I am sorry that Dr. Gray has not given us from Michaux's Herbarium, the precise habitat of it, among the Carolina Mountains.

I became partially acquainted last spring with Mr. Daniel

Steinkhauser

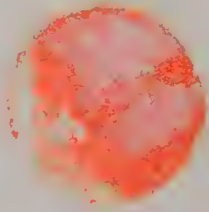
Steinhauer formerly of Philadelphia, who is mentioned as an accurate Botanist by Dr. Darlington in the first edition of his *Flora Cestica*. Mr. S. went from this to the interior of Louisiana, last spring, from which he has lately written me a very glowing account of the Botany of that region; and speaks very confidently of having discovered several new species and at least two new genera! He enquired with some degree of solicitude whether he could communicate specimens of his discoveries to you in time for publication in your forthcoming n^o. of your *American Flora*; to which I have replied to him that the progress of the work was delayed by the absence of Dr. Gray, but I urged him to forward the specimens to you immediately. I shall be much pleased if he does so, and still more if you should find them, as he supposes, new. He seems to be an amiable, unpretending man, one who I fear is labouring under the chilling influence of the res angusta Domini; and since he is likely to derive no other remuneration for his 'labour of love', it would be gratifying to him to contribute his mite to the sum total of American Botany.

I have made several excursions into the country immediately in the neighbourhood of this place, but have as yet made no considerable additions to my collections; some two or three species are as many as I have added to the *Flora of Kentucky*, not heretofore found by me in other parts of it, nor are they by any means new to American Botany. Our friend Dr. Clapp who lives, as you know, at New Albany within a few miles of this, is still diligently employed in exploring his State, from which I hope he will be able to contribute much to your great work. Please to accept my thanks for the D. N. which reached me safely shortly after its publication; very respectfully my dear Sir I am yours &c. *W. Short.*

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Professor John Torrey, M.D.

City of
New York



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Haystack, near Louisville, Ky

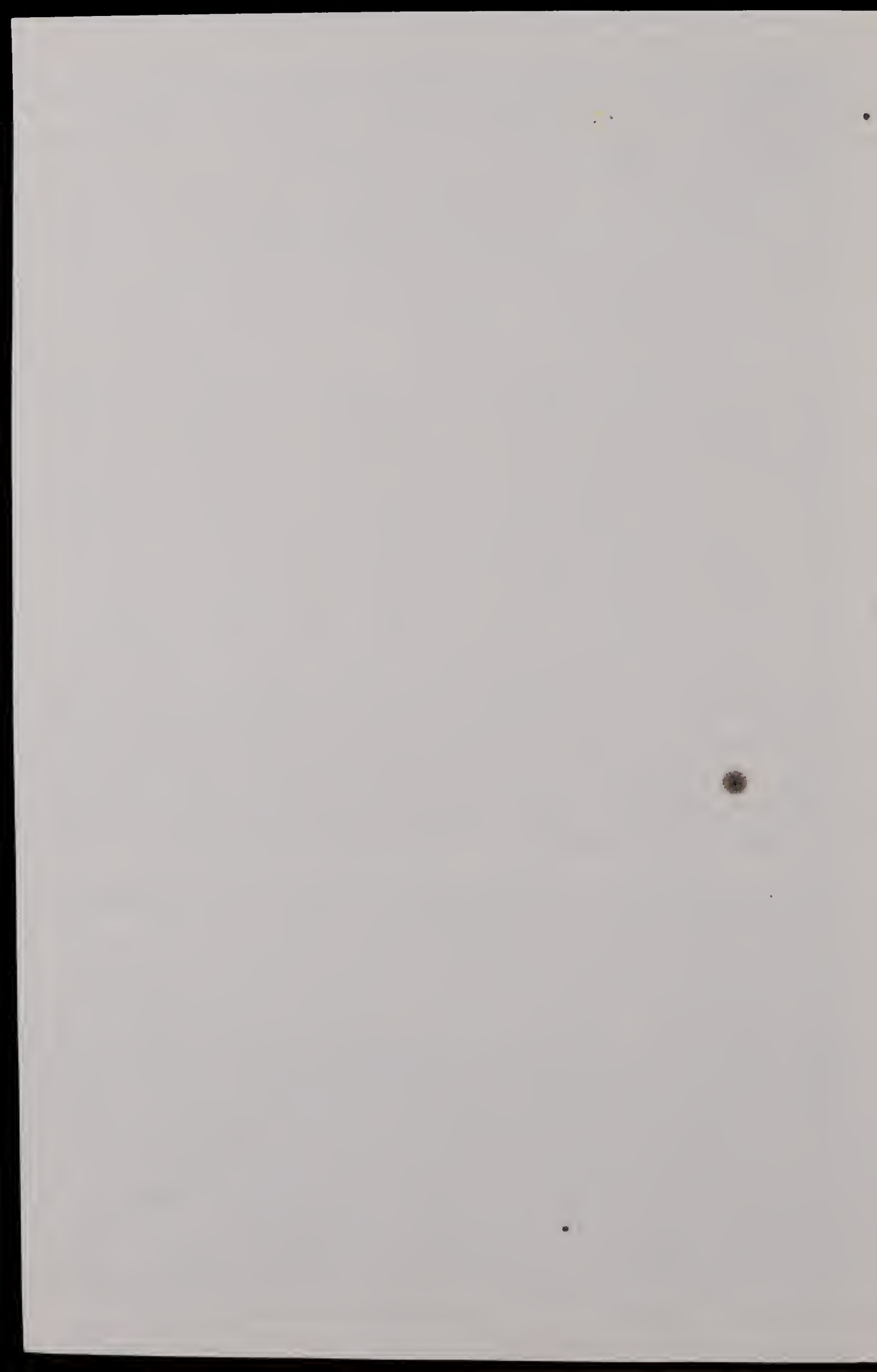
Sept. 27th 1838.

My dear Sir—

A friend of mine having some idea of spending the summer in Princeton, partly on account of health and partly for the education of his children, has been informed of the sale residence of President Carnahan, as being offered for sale on favourable terms. Your former residence in Princeton adjoined I think, that of Dr Carnahan, and you must therefore be well acquainted with the place. Will you do me the favour (in confidence) to state to me your opinion of the Carnahan property? Whether you consider it a healthy location—the house good, and the land tolerable? Thirty eight acres with the house and other improvements are offered at \$4,000. Do you think the property worth the money? Your answer at your earliest convenience, will oblige

Yours very truly

C. C. Short.





G. J. Torrey,
U. S. Army Office,
(N. Y.)

And. Apr. 9th.

Savannah, Ga. October 23rd 1840.

My Dear Sir.

After a very long interval since the date of my last, I had the pleasure a few days ago of receiving your letter of the 11th Sept, not dissimilarly that of the 4th inst, in connexion with Dr Gray's of the 7th ult. If any apology were needed for this seeming neglect, I can readily find it in the numerous duties you are engaged in, and your labours in the good cause of American Botany. I am delighted with your north American Flora, the 3^d and 4th parts of which did not, however, reach me until a day or two ago, although forwarded from New York soon after publication. When finished it will be an ever-during monument of your zeal, industry and research; and will confer obligations on all future students of our Botany as lasting as our Oaks, or the Mountains on which they grow. I wish you all possible success and speed in the completion of this great work, and am truly gratified to find that I have been able to contribute a mite towards it; and that you have so many collaborators, through all portions of the country, ready and willing to lend you their assistance. The work is so truly a national one, that not only should all Naturalists but all true patriots lend you a helping hand.

As to the plant which you are pleased (with more partiality, I fear, than strict regard to my deserts) to propose dedicating to me, I am, of course, the last person to say anything. It is, to be sure, so far as I can learn, almost exclusively Kentuckian, and

to far I should be, need to cross it - but then the true essence
of it is so entirely solidaginous that it seems almost to re-
quire violence to sever it from that genus, as reference to its
habitus would, however, justify them; but can it with equity
properly be removed from Brachyotum? In what respect does
it differ from that genus, as characterized by Nuttall, except in
the number of its pedicels? and since you devote, of the natural
order pay so little attention to the number of stamens, why should
you regard this small difference in the mere number of them as
less important appendages? However, be this as it may, I have
a good stock of the plant, gathered in the best stage for exami-
nation, which I will send you; and will for the present conclude
my remarks on Asplenium, that, should it prove sufficiently
distinct both from Solidago and Brachyotum to form a new genus,
another individual has a better claim to it than myself. Rafi-
nesque, as you are aware, sent specimens of it to DeCandolle in
1824; and although I have less confidence (indeed now) in that in-
dividual's pretensions than you seem to entertain, still as the or-
iginal discoverer of the plant in question, he is entitled to any
honor it may confer. I am not aware that any genus has
yet been named after him; and if his merits of being sufficiently
euphonized, by all means crown him with this "golden wreath".

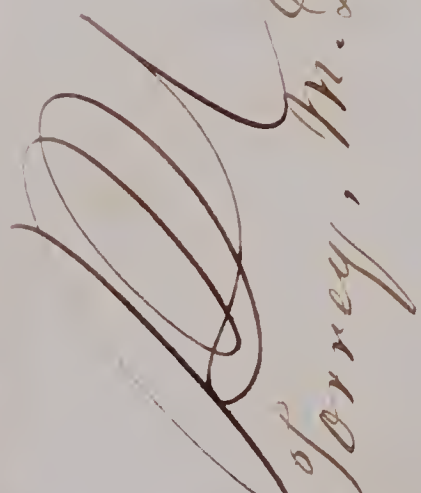
In relation to the North Carolina plant, which you re-
fer to in a former letter, I know absolutely nothing except what
you have told me. Should it turn out to be something new,
has not Mr. Lindley a better claim to epithetism from it than
I. He has certainly done much more for the cause of
Care-

Our Union Botany than I ever expect to see, and is in other respects well deserving the honor. —

If Habenaria and Libanum I have a considerable number of species, and will avail myself of the earliest opportunity to examine my collection, in response to your inquiries concerning them, and will lay aside for you whatever specimens I think can aid you in your studies of them. I own, however, that I am somewhat surprised to hear that you have arrived at the conclusion that H. longistylis and H. purpurea (Pursh, 1814?) are the same; for I confess that I have always considered them essentially distinct. They are both frequent in my range, and I have had no difficulty in determining them, but I must confess that I have never subjected them to a very rigid scrutiny or comparison. Indeed my time, heretofore, has been rather devoted to a collection and preservation of plants, than to their minute examination, hence many of those "desperate" microscopical distinctions as Mr. Nuttall calls them, on which modern genera and species are founded, have escaped me. However, I agree with you entirely in the greater propriety of merging questionable differences in one species, rather than creating new ones, on insufficient grounds.

I sincerely feel for you in the labor which awaits you in the great work of Compositae, and wish most sincerely, it were in my power to aid you in it. I can only do so, however, by laying my collection before you; and in addition to those which I have already sent you, I will lay aside such other species as I think may be useful to you. Among them you will find a very pretty blue-flowered species of Eupatorium, which I rec'd. from Dr. Hoke, of

of *Sarcocolla*, and which he supposed to be my *E. Torreyana*,
 to which, however, it is entirely unlike - of this genus, so abundant
 in the Barren of Kentucky and Indiana, I observed but few species
 in the prairies of Illinois. It is there almost entirely supplanted
 by two or three species of *Kuhnia*. The packet which I have
 prepared shall be made up in a day or two, and I will seek some
 private opportunity of sending it to New York.


 Professor Torrey, M.D.

University of the State of New York;

New York City.



I will thank you to send the Florida plants, which you
 mention, to Mr. J. G. Brown, Book seller, Philadelphia, along with
 your Catalogue of New York plants, which you so kindly offer me. He
 will forward them to their place by some early conveyance. Be so good
 as to say to P. Gray that I will reply very soon to his last favour.

Most respectfully, my service, I am yours

Wm. Thwait.

Louisville, Ky. March 14th 1843

My dear Sir—

After so long a silence I was truly gratified by the receipt of your kind favour of the 18th Feb. by my old acquaintance Dr. Sayre. But it was with no small degree of sorrow that I hear you speak of the necessity you are under of neglecting "our favourite science" for pursuit of a more pecuniarily profitable nature! There are enough of us in the country, who, like myself, are qualified and willing to do the drudgery of the business—the mere collection and preservation of specimens; but to arrange, methodize, compare and publish these materials, requires a master-spirit, of which we have few, indeed, besides yourself and Dr. Gray. Does not the state of New York make you a handsome compensation for the botanical part of its service? When will your part of that great work be published?

I cannot permit so fair an opportunity as Dr. Sayre's return to New York to pass, without availing myself of it to send you a few plants; although on the spur of the occasion, I fear that there may be few in the parcel of much interest to you. Among them, however, is a Carex, which I have never met with until the past season; and one which certainly I have never rec^d from others; nor do I find a description in any of my Books to such it.

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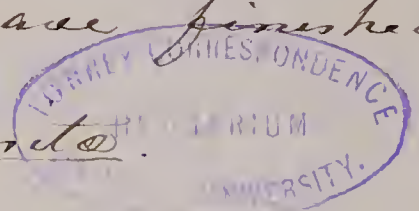
The briefly appearance induces me to think it is a new species, which Dr. Gray proposes calling *C. hystrix*; but I believe he has not published it; and I think his plant is from Louis.^{is} The *Festuca pratensis* of the parcel, if it be that species, occurs in the Barrens of Ky. under such circumstances as induce me to think it must be a native. The same must be said of *Veronica officinalis* on the hills of the Ohio River. I have on hand quite a large collection made during the past season of which I will send you a full share when I can find time to distribute them.

Expecting to spend the greater part of the ensuing summer in the country, on the banks of the Ohio between this and Cincinnati, I promise myself much pleasure in paying attention to the plants of the surrounding country. Are there any particular species, genera, or families to which you may wish me to direct particular attention? Can I, in any other way, promote the interests of Botany in these parts?

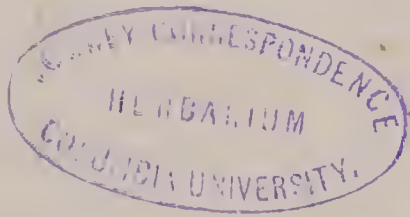
I am anxiously looking for your 3^d part of Vol. 2, which I have directed to be sent to me by mail; and I am truly glad to hear that you have finished that large and perplexing order the *Compositae*.

Very truly, my dear Sir,

I am yours, C. W. Short



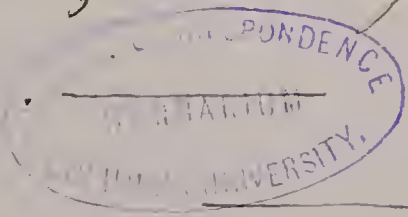
Lancaster, Ky April 26th 1846



My dear Sir -

After a very long silence, which I began to
feel would never again be broken by you. I had the pleasure
not long since to receive your kind favour of the 18th March;
for which you will please accept my thanks. I am too well
informed of the multitudinous engagements which press upon you,
and the far more useful appropriation of your time, than in
winding to me, to have any improper feelings created in my bo-
som by the long lapse of time since I have had the pleasure
of receiving a communication from you. Though myself an
"unprofitable servant" in this, and I fear also in many other re-
spects, yet, I trust, that I have the general weal of our pa-
triotic Science so much at heart, as to be willing to give up
my own personal gratifications to its advancement. Little, how-
ever, as I may have done in this field, yet, I am sensible
that my labours in it, are drawing to a close; and that I must
soon resign to stouter heart and stronger limbs, than mine, the
active cultivation of it. "To climb the mountains brave," has be-
come a task for which "although the spirit is willing yet the
flesh is weak". Although subject to ^{no} particular infirmity, yet, I
feel most sensibly, in my physical frame, that, a man of 52, is

not the man he once was; and when I remembered that
my preceptor in Botany - the elder Barton... was several years
younger than I now am when he died, and yet that, he died
an old man, I am forcibly reminded that, I am no longer young.
Yet, my dear Sir, with all this feeling of growing years, I
can assure you I feel no abatement in "my faithful love" to
Botany; and have only to regret that in my younger and
more vigorous days I did not do more to manifest my attach-
ment.



I am much pleased to learn from
you that the Labiate plant from Florida promises to be some-
thing new, and I regret to learn that the specimen I sent
you was not sufficiently perfect for satisfactory analysis. My friend,
Dr. Drake, reports it to be very common on the sterile sandy
shores of the Gulf of Mexico, and especially abundant on the banks
of Santa Rosa near Pensacola. He brought me but two specimens,
and I herewith send you the only remaining one I have. Is it
not strange that Dr. Chapman has not met with it? From the
accuracy of Dr. Drake I cannot think that he has been mistaken
in this particular. The original ticket accompanying the specimens
and written at the time of collection is - "Labiales - ? Santa
Rosa Bay - Dr. Drake, April 1843." I hope you may be able to
do something with the specimen although the flowers seem imperfectly

I have read with intense interest Capt. Fremont's two reports of his Oregon and California expeditions, and am much pleased to learn that his mind is likely to be so full of botanical interest. Is it not strange, however, that he did not take an experienced naturalist, and collector with him? His own particular duties, I should think, would be too arduous to admit of his paying sufficient attention to matters of this kind.

I am truly sorry to hear that it will be so difficult for me to procure a copy of your Report on the Botany of N. York. I would gladly give the full price for the entire work, for the purpose of securing your part of it only. Can you refer me to any person—bookseller, speculator, or anything, who could supply me on any terms? Will you, at least, favour me with a proof sheet, or a printing, that I may at least see the scope and character of the work?

When may we expect another part of your invaluable Flora of N. A.?—we are all now so much accustomed to refer to that work to solve our doubts and difficulties, that those families not yet treated of have comparatively no attractions for us. I am well pleased to learn from Dr. Gray that he is about engaging in a very useful work, more especially in elucidation of American Genera. I hope to render him some assistance in the way of living plants—Specimens, Drawings, &c. &c.

My wife being about to visit the land of her nativity (N. Jersey,) for the benefit mainly of the health of one of our daughters, will probably spend some days in the vicinity of Princeton, where she has some relatives; other cares, therefore, I shall confide the letters and the specimen referred to.

Very truly, my dear Sir, I am yours C. C. Short.

Dr John Lacey

London,

New-Jersey.

with a small pencil, &
13y Miss Lana Short. }

Louisville, Ky. Aug. 23. 1847.

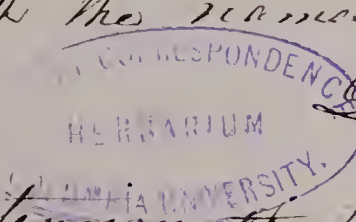
My dear Sir

I have just placed in the hands of Weston & Griswood, Booksellers of this place a large bundle of plants directed to "D^r Torrey & Gray, care of Wiley & Putnam, New-York", which they promise me to forward by the earliest opportunity, and being in frequent communication with their correspondents in N. Y. I hope that opportunity will speedily occur, and that the parcels will safely reach you in a reasonable time.

This parcel consists entirely of Mexican plants, collected by my friend D^r Josiah Gregg, whose interesting book on the 'Commerce of the Prairies' you may have read. This gentleman having attended a course of Lectures in our Institution a few years ago, and being about to return to the Mexican provinces, I prevailed upon him to undertake a collection of the plants of that country - the fruits of which are in part the present bundle, which he was so kind as to present to me, and which now, with great pleasure, I hand over to D^r Gray and yourself, in the hope that it may contribute something towards the completion of your invaluable and much needed Flora of N. America.

Besides the present parcel D^r Gregg informs me that he has presented a similar one to D^r Engelmann, and another to the American Institute of New York, with particular instructions that it should be made available to any Botanist who might desire to inspect them; and it is, therefore, more than probable you may

may have seen. There three parcels, I understand from him, are, for the most part, triplicates of each other, and that mine is, perhaps the most full and perfect — In it I observe several duplicates of the more interesting species, and I have to request the favour of you, after having examined them and retained such as you need for your own purposes, that you will return me a specimen of such as you can conveniently spare with the names.

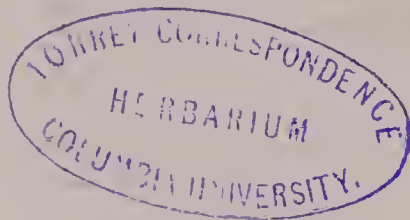
 Dr. Gregg, as you will at once perceive, makes no pretensions ~~to~~ to nomenclature Botany, but he has, it must be confessed, manifested much industry and zeal in the collection he has made, and in the knowledge of their economical and medicinal uses, together with their habitats, &c. &c. all of which you will find fully detailed in the labels accompanying them. The collection was made during the march of detachments of the Army, from Santa Fe to Buena Vista, and on lateral excursions from this line to the coast & west to Chihuahua; and considering the inconveniences and dangers frequently attending, the specimens are for the most part judiciously selected and well preserved. I trust confidently, therefore, that you will find much of interest, and perhaps something of novelty, in this collection; and in the latter event I would venture, in behalf of Dr. Gregg, to request the favour of you to connect his name with anything new which you may meet with, in the assurance that he well merits such distinction. I regret very much that

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did not know of his late visit to the East, that I might
have afforded him an opportunity of making your acquaintance.
He has just gone to New Orleans, from which he will sail
immediately, and again connect himself with Genl Taylor's di-
visions of the Army, with which he hopes an opportunity
may be afforded to him to traverse the country between Saltillo
and the City of Mexico, on which route he promises me to
collect everything which may occur to him.

Please to let me hear of your receipt
of the present parcel, and believe me

very truly and Respectfully
yours C. C. Short.



P. S. — When may we expect the pleasure of seeing another part
of the Flora? — I have endeavoured in vain through the Book-
seller to procure a copy of your part of the Survey of N. York.
Can you possibly put me on a plan of getting it?

dear



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Dear Mr John Torrey

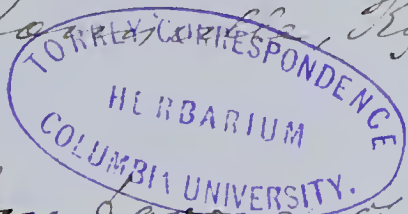
Princeton

New Jersey.



Lehigh, N. Y. Jan 26th / 48.

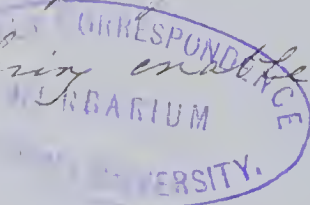
My Dear Sir



Your favour of the 5th inst.

is before me and I am vexed to learn that the large parcel of Mexican plants, which I directed to you last summer, has never reached you! — On enquiring of Morton and Grinnold concerning it I have ascertained that, although placed in their hands early in August, with assurances that it should be forwarded immediately, it was detained and not sent on until the 6th Nov.^r It was then enclosed in a box directed to Huntington & Savage Booksellers, N. York. — The parcel of plants was directed either to yourself or to "Gr"^r Torrey & Gray, care of Wiley & Putnam, N. Y. If, however, your City Booksellers are not more careful and attentive than ours, it may never find its way to your hands, and poor Gregg has exposed his life to obtain the specimens to very little purpose.

My only hope now is that being detained here until the winter, by my obliging friends, the parcel may now be inclosed by ice in some of the canals, where I hope it may be kept from spoiling until the thaw of spring enable it to float on to New York.



A smaller parcel of Mexican plants, collected by the same enthusiastic amateur, was placed in the hands of the same M. & G. early last spring, for Dr. Gray; but I have never heard of his having rec^d. them, and it is not improbable that they are still in some cellar or warehouse in Louisville! — I shall be truly sorry if these parcels fail to reach their destination for they can hardly fail to contain many things of novelty and interest; and the labour and perils of their collector in obtaining them, certainly well merit commemoration in your work.

Many of them are interesting from their localities alone, as they were collec-

ted on the battle-field of Monterey,
Berna Vista, N. & C.

We have been so fortunate as to
procure an entire copy (so far as printed) of
the New York Hist. history Survey, for our
Med. Library. It was obtained by one of
my colleagues in some of the western counties
of N.Y. of a country squire who was very wil-
ling to dispose of it at \$2. per vol. — verily
this act of the Legislators of the "Empire
State" — this "throwing pearls to swine", would
have disgraced the Legislation of the most
agrarian, Loco-focos of the most ignorant
of the Back-wood States. — I should be
well pleased, nevertheless, to obtain for
myself your part of the work at a "fairer
price" and if you can succeed in procuring
it for me, I shall be very thankful.

When may we expect another part of
the Flora? If the 2^d vol. was completed we
could wait with more patience for the 3^d.

very truly, my dear Sir, I am

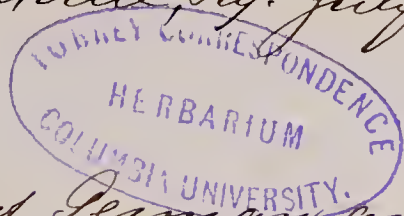
yours C. C. Short.

Prof. Torrey -

New York.

near Louisville, Ky. July 24th/57

My dear Sir—



In a parcel of German and Hungarian plants recently received from Mr. Reichenbach, fil., I find the enclosed letter directed to your care, and therefore take the liberty of enclosing it to you, being right glad of the opportunity and excuse thereby afforded me, of addressing you, which I have not had the pleasure of doing for a long time.

I heard nothing more of Buckley after I wrote to you in relation to him, although immediately on getting your letter of Sep^r. last, speaking favourably of him, I replied to his communication and told him that I was perfectly willing to aid him, and liberally

too, in his proposed journey to the Salt Lake region, although I did not feel inclined to assume the entire expenses of the expedition. Whether he abandoned the enterprize or was offended at me I cannot say.

Have you heard anything lately from Wright? and what success has attended his explorations? Have you been able to do much yourself within the past year towards the advancement of our favourite science? Mr. Carey writes me that Dr. Gray is expected to return in the fall. Do you know what progress he has been able to make in the Botany of the Exploring Expedition? I trust that he has met with some additional materials for completing what we are all much more interested in your valuable Flora.

As to my poor self I feel that the growing infirmities of age are rendering me every year more and more unable to do even what little I once did towards the humble labours of a collector of plants. I suffer excessive prostration, every summer, from the excessive heats of our climate; and am no longer able "to climb the mountain's brow" as I once did. But I cannot give up entirely a pursuit from which, in my younger and better days, I derived so much satisfaction; and I still collect whatever falls in my way, and still endeavour to add all in my power to my Herbarium.

Please to present my respectful compliments to Mr. Toney and your Daughters, and believe me, my dear Sir,

Very truly yours C. C. Short

Prof. John Toney
Princeton,
(N. J.)

Louisville, Ky. January 31st 1852.

My dear Sir—

I had the pleasure last evening to receive your two letters of Aug. 7th and Jan 19th and also the letter of W. Wright from New Mexico. I am truly sorry to see that he has suffered himself to be disgusted in any way by the little fund which you were so good as to communicate to him for me; and to relieve his mind of all further uneasiness about it I have written him the enclosed letter, which I will be greatly obliged to you to forward to him by the earliest opportunity—such being more likely to occur directly from New York than any other point.

I had heard of your removal from Princeton some time ago, and can readily imagine that on many accounts your position in the city would afford you many facilities not to be enjoyed in the country. I find myself in these western wilds so entirely cut off from all libraries and congenial associations, that if I was ten years younger I would become your neighbour, either in New York Philadelphia or Boston; but I am now too old to make such changes, and the only and best change I can look forward to ^{is to} the land of
—“Never withering flowers.”—

I shall be greatly obliged to you for a copy of your paper preparing for the Smithsonian contributions, when it is printed.— Should I be permitted to leave home next summer I am at present fully inclined (D.V.) to spend some weeks, perhaps

months in the mountains of North Carolina, and I can safely promise you that if I find the Shortia, I will keep on to New York for the purpose of presenting you with specimens in propria persona. — By the way, although it may seem presumptuous in me to say it, yet I cannot keep thinking that our good friend, for the purpose of paying me a compliment which I am fully conscious of but poorly deserving, has located in the M^t of N. Carolina, a plant which it is quite as likely that Michaux found in Labrador or Persia! — the "haute montagnes" ticket might have become easily displaced in the large collections of this extensive traveller. However, if I should be able to get the right start I will endeavour to "follow in his footsteps", and it is not impossible I may find — something. Having been so fortunate as to rediscover the Bellis intergrifolia after Nuttall said it "had been seen by no one since the days of Michaux", who knows what may turn up some "dans les hautes montagnes de Caroline"!

I am well pleased to hear of the prosperous condition of your school this winter, for being myself no longer in that line you may suppose that I am more disinterested than formerly. If I mistake not D^r Grop was sadly disappointed in the result of his New York Professorship. — What are the months which you spend at Princeton?

Very truly, my dear Sir, I am yours Respectfully

Prof^r John Torrey.

C. C. Short

near Louisville, Ky. Feb. 27th 1852.

My dear Sir—

Your favour of the 14th just is just received, and I hasten to make a small contribution to the aid of your young Swedish friends. For this purpose you will find enclosed a check on the Bank of Pennsylvania for thirty dollars; If he is deserving and in need, I will thank you to hand him the amt. unconditionally. I have made so little progress in the study of the Bryozoa, as not to have attempted to form a collection of any others than the Ferns; and it is too late for me now to begin. — you will oblige me by cashing the check and handing him the proceeds, instead of placing the check itself in his hands. —

I have read the entertaining volume of Dr. Darlington, which he had the kindness to present to me shortly after its publication; and while in the East, during the Summer of 1850, I enjoyed the pleasure of a visit to the Garden of the Venerable Bartram, in company with him who has written so pleasantly about it. I had hoped to have seen there the Planera of Michaux, which I had understood was there, but neither the Gardener nor Dr. D. knew anything about it. — I hope this will not turn out to be another one of his questionable discoveries. I think he locates it in Kentucky, where I have been looking anxiously for it for nearly forty years without finding it. ¹

I thank you for your prompt attention to my letter for M.^r Wright, who I hope is placed by Maj.^r Emery in circumstances more favourable for the prosecution of his favourite objects. Any one may add up columns of figures, or carry a surveyor's chains, but it requires a Botanist to make proper selections and collections in a new and unknown country.

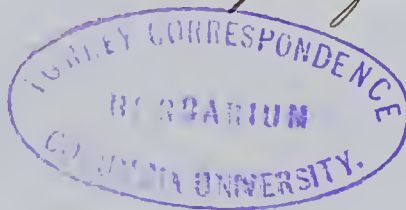
By the way, your distinguished friend, Sir William, makes some stranger mistakes in certain Transatlantic matters, than writing plain M.^r a Doctor, witness his laughable misnomer of "Red Butter".

Do you often see M.^r Carey? — I had promised myself the pleasure of hearing from ^{him}, by this time in reply to a letter which I wrote to him about the middle of Dec^r.

Very truly, my dear Sir, I am

Respectfully yours

C. W. Short.



I should be pleased to hear that the enclosure of this had reached you safely.

near Louisville Ky. March 22. 1852

My dear Sir—



Your obliging favour of the 5th inst has been some days before me, and it has occurred to me that your young Swedish friend, if he has not the prospect of better and more profitable employment, might be willing to undertake a mission to the Mountains of North Carolina, and to spend some months there in investigating their Botany. Is he sufficiently familiar with our language to get along conveniently with the rude scenes, & perhaps the still ruder inhabitants he may meet with?— If you think he is the proper person to undertake such an expedition, and to make a thorough exploration of those regions, —if he has not better business before him, and is willing to undertake this, I will pay his necessary expenses, together with a reasonable compensation for his time and services — The understanding being that all his collections are to be equally divided between D.^r Gray, M.^r Carey, yourself, himself and me. I should suppose it would be entirely convenient for him to collect and preserve well at least five specimens of everything of interest he may meet with. Indeed, my own Herbarium is sadly deficient, in good specimens, even of the common things of these mountains; for I have received nothing from them except through Mess.^{rs} Curtis and Buckley, who seem never to have travelled with the necessary equipments for ma =

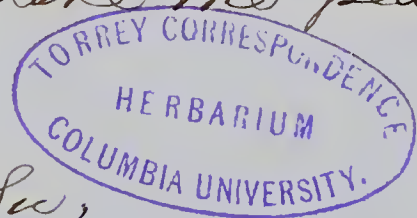
making extensive collections or good specimens.

Should Mr. Sundgren be inclined to undertake this business, it would be well that he should be furnished by Mr. Carey and Dr. Gray, both of whom I believe have visited these mountains, with specific directions as to his route, and the more promising localities; and the sooner he sets off the better, that he may be ready for the first unfolding of Vegetations, at a season when perhaps no Botanist except Michaux, has ever been there.

You will please consider this matter, and consult with the gentlemen I have mentioned on the subject - I am prepared at any moment to make the pecuniary advances -

Very truly, my dear Sir,

I am yours



W. C. Short.

For Toney
J. H. Toney

Prof. Toney

New York.

near Louisville Kentucky }
April 9th 1852 }

My dear Sir -

Your favour of the 2nd inst. reached me last evening, and I am pleased to learn that M^r Sundgren (or Sundgren, ?) has agreed to explore the Mountains of North Carolina for us. I trust that he will be able to do it thoroughly, and thus acquire for himself lasting laurels, by bringing to light all the hidden treasures of that interesting region. I regret, however, that he has not named the compensation which he asks for his services; and before he starts I must beg the favour of you to have this matter fairly understood, that there may not be any room for future dissatisfaction. Of his outlays and expenses of all sort, I expect, of course, that he will keep an accurate account; but over and above these, I should like to be informed what he will expect for his personal services. As he will need at the onset some money for the purchase of paper and other necessaries, I herewith send you a check on the Bank of Pennsylvania (Phil.^a) for one hundred dollars (\$100). As it will be more convenient for him to correspond with you than myself, as the mails between this and North Carolina are exceedingly tardy and irregular, I must beg the favour of you to be the medium of communication between us. I will thank you therefore to inform me what further

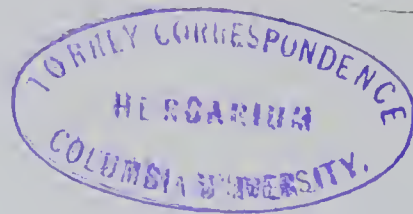
sum he will need before he starts on his travel. Would it not be well for him to leave New York by the end of this month? — A friend passing by Asheville, N.C. last spring, early in May, brought me specimens, in flower, of Andromeda axillaris and the Diphyllea.

I thank Mr. L. for the set of his notes which he has been so good as to put up for me, and I will with great pleasure add them to my Herbarium. I will ascertain some mode of getting them from N.Y. of which you shall be informed.

Very Respectfully and truly, my dear Sir,

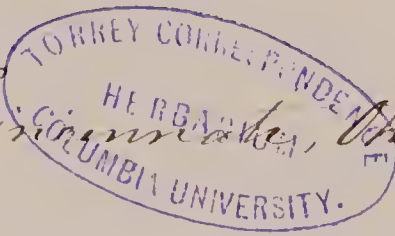
I am yours

C. C. Short.



Prof. Torrey,
New York.

near Cincinnati, Ohio. April 22^d '32



My dear Sir -

A few days ago I wrote to you from Louisville enclosing a check, payable to your order, on the Bank of Pennsylvania for one hundred dollars, to assist in the outfit of Mr. Lundgren for the Carolina Mountains. Enclosed I now take the liberty of forwarding to you for him two letters of introduction, kindly furnished to me by my friend Dr. Drake, to get him residing in the regions which he will traverse. Others I hope will be furnished Mr. L. by Dr. Gray & Mr. Carey.

I expect to return to Louisville in a few days when I presume myself the pleasure of hearing from you. I will only here again repeat my opinion that it would be well for Mr. L. to be off on his expedition as soon as convenient, that he may be on the spot at the earliest outbreak of vegetation in the M^t. Few Botanists, I presume, have been there in early spring, but several in midsummer and autumn.

Very Respectfully and truly I am

Yours
Chas. Short.



and May 8th

near Louisville, Ky. May 6th 1850.

My dear Sir,

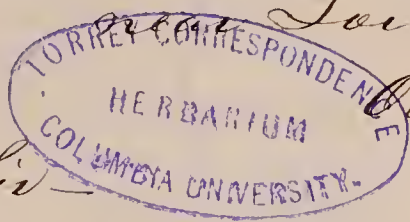
On my return from Ohio some ten days ago, I had the pleasure of finding here your favour of the 19th ult. enclosing your written engagement with M^r. Sundgren; and to-day I am favoured with yours of the 5th inst. covering a letter from Doct^r. Gray to yourself. With the engagement which you have made with M^r. L. I need hardly say that I am entirely satisfied; and it must be my endeavour not to disappoint him in the remittances which he will need from time to time, to meet his expenses. To this end I now enclose to you a second check on the Bank of Pennsylvania for one hundred Dollars (\$100), which I must beg the favour of you to remit to him in such manner as may seem most safe and expedient. I hope he will find it convenient to report progress to you from time to time; and I shall depend on your letting me know when I shall make further remittances to you for him.

I am truly well pleased to learn from D^r. Gray's letter that there is a prospect of soon seeing the Second volume of the Flora of N. America completed. When this excellent work is entirely finished, the study of American Botany will be a very different affair from what it was when I first entered upon it, with only the works of Pursh and Michx., and there very difficult to be read. You will have done your full share in lightening the labours of succeeding ages — Very truly and sincerely, my dear Sir, I am yours,
C. C. Short.

P. S. Should M^r. Lindgren have left with you the set
of his notes which you mentioned his having put up for
me, I will thank you to have them sent to Harper & Bro^s
(directed for me, to the care of Morton & Griswold, Booksellers
Louisville, Ky.



Louisville, Ky. }
October 15th 1852. }



My dear Sir—

Having been detained in Ohio several days on my return home, it was not until within a few days past that your letter of the 18th Sep^r with its contents, was placed in my hands. Perhaps its direction to Lexington may also have delayed its reaching me. I have read the accompanying communications from Mr. Bogenhard, who seems to be in a very pitiable way, and I send inclosed a check on the Bank of Pennsylvania, ~~which~~ for \$52. ^{which} you will please to appropriate in whole or in part, as you may judge most prudent, for the relief of his immediate necessities.

I very much fear that your situation in New York subjects your sympathies and your purse to very frequent taxations of this sort, and I hope sincerely they may not be

be unworthily imposed upon. My own limited experience, however, I am sorry to say, has compelled me unwillingly, of late, to listen with many grains of allowance to the tales of distress told by foreigners of all kinds; for it has appeared to me, in many instances, that as soon as the iron heel of despotism was lifted from their necks, and they had snuffed a little of the liberty and equality of our free country, they become very insolent and over-bearing fellows. Such I am very far from supposing to be the case in the present instance, but among the thousands and tens of thousands annually cast upon your wharves at New York, there must be some Dousterswivels.

I am much surprized to learn that you have heard nothing lately from Lundgren, and I begin to fear that some evil has befallen him. What else can have prevented him from writing so long? Pray let me know as soon as you hear.

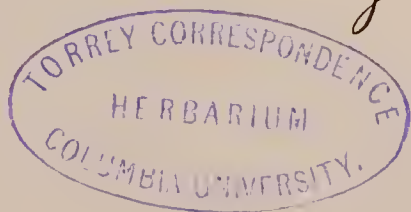
I regret very sincerely that I had not the pleasure of seeing more of you during my late visit to the East, and I do hope, should I ever be in your region again, that I may be so circumstanced as to have my time more under my own controul; in which event I shall certainly avail myself of the opportunity of enjoying more of your society. And if you should at any time be thrown within striking distance of Louisville, I trust you will not fail to visit me.

As the communications of Mr B. are not addressed to myself, I take the liberty of returning them to you.

and remain, my dear Sir, every

truly yours

C. C. Short.



Prof. J. Toney.

Prof. John Torrey
New York.

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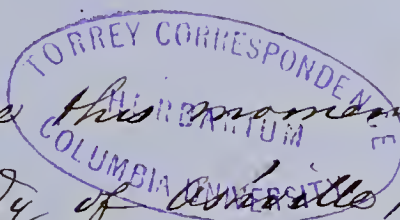
near Louisville, Ky. }

[Wrote also to Dr. J. F. Hardy
at the same time]

Oct. 30th 1852 }

My dear Sir -

I have this moment rec.
a letter from Dr. Hardy of Asheville, N. C.
which I herewith take the liberty of sending
to you, as it refers to our Botanical Mis-
sionary, Mr. Lundgren, of whom I hope before
this time you have heard something more
satisfactory. As I obtained from Dr. Drake
the letter of introduction to Dr. Hardy, I must
hold myself responsible for Mr. L.'s engagements,
although I am at a loss to know why he
should borrow of Dr. H. when he knew that
you had money in Bank for him; and
why should he have been so long silent to-
wards us? I fear that something has befallen
him since, after his leaving Asheville, or surely
he would have written to you. I would
at once refund to Dr. Hardy the money loaned
him, but that I wish first to learn of you
whether you know anything of Mr. L.'s
movements. Please to let me know.



I wrote to you on the 13th inst, and enclosed a check on the Bank of Penn.^a for \$52. to be applied, according to your discretion, for the relief of another German nationalist, whose name I do not remember. I hope you received the remittance..

your labours for the winter I suppose are about to commence, but I hope that amidst the jingle of gars and the fumes of gases, you will not lose sight altogether of Botany. I have just had the pleasure of looking over your report on Stansbury's Plants. I have never seen a memoir which I think you told me more than two years ago that you were preparing for Fremont's last Expedition. Can you tell me how I shall obtain it? When may we look for the completion of the 2^d vol of the Flora.

Miss Gulick showed me in her garden a small (Hydrophyllaceous?) plant which she said was obtained from the "Pines" of N. J. It differs from anything of the kind I have
and

Therefore I send you a small sprig of
it. Is she not mistaken in its locality?
Should I ever visit N. Jenev again I will
make it a matter of set determination to
visit these same "Pines", of which I have heard
so much.

With great regard, my dear Sir,
I am very truly yours,

W. C. Short.



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Prof. Jenev,
N. York.

Prof.^r Toney,
New York.

and Mr. Zo

near Louisville, Ky. Nov. 18th 1862.

My dear Sir—

Your favour of the 6th inst. returning D.^r Hardy's letter, was received a few days ago. I am truly distressed to hear that you have not received later intelligence from M.^r Sundgren than that contained in D.^r H.'s letter, and I cannot but fear the worst for the poor fellow. I wrote to D.^r H. on the same day that I addressed you last, begging him to make all possible enquiry, and to give us the result at the earliest moment. As yet, I have heard nothing more from him. As matters stand, and in the uncertainty whether we shall ever hear from L. again, I would prefer repaying at once to D.^r Hardy the money which he so kindly lent to him; and as I understand from you that you have funds enough remaining out of what I sent to you for L. I must beg the favour of you to send to D.^r Hardy (D.^r J. F. E. Hardy, Ashville, Buncombe county N. Carolina,) a draft for eighty three Dollars (\$83.) which will repay the loan, with interest for six months. Should you require further funds, (which of course you will if M.^r L. returns,) you will please to notify me of the amt. required immediately.

D.^r Gray informs me that a sett of M.^r Wright's plants as far as Composite, has been made out for me, and that a further parcel will be allotted to me of the other orders, when they are worked off, which he is now engaged in doing. This latter

intelligence is peculiarly gratifying, for I began seriously to fear that all American Botany was coming to a dead halt at Compositae.

As to the European plants which Mr. Bogenhard has been pleased to place in your hands for me, I will gladly ~~ex-~~ accept them, and I thank you kindly for the offer of your Herbarium paper for fastening them on; but the size, unfortunately, does not agree with mine which is you will there-fore oblige me by putting the parcel, well secured by proper envelopes, in the hands of the Harpers, directed to the care of Morton & Griswold, Louisville, Ky.

I will write to Dr. Hardy informing him of the request which I have made of you, and urging him again to institute diligent enquiries for the lost Naturalist. Should I get any information I will immediately impart it to you, and I ask the same favour of yourself.

With best respects to Mr. Toney and the young ladies,

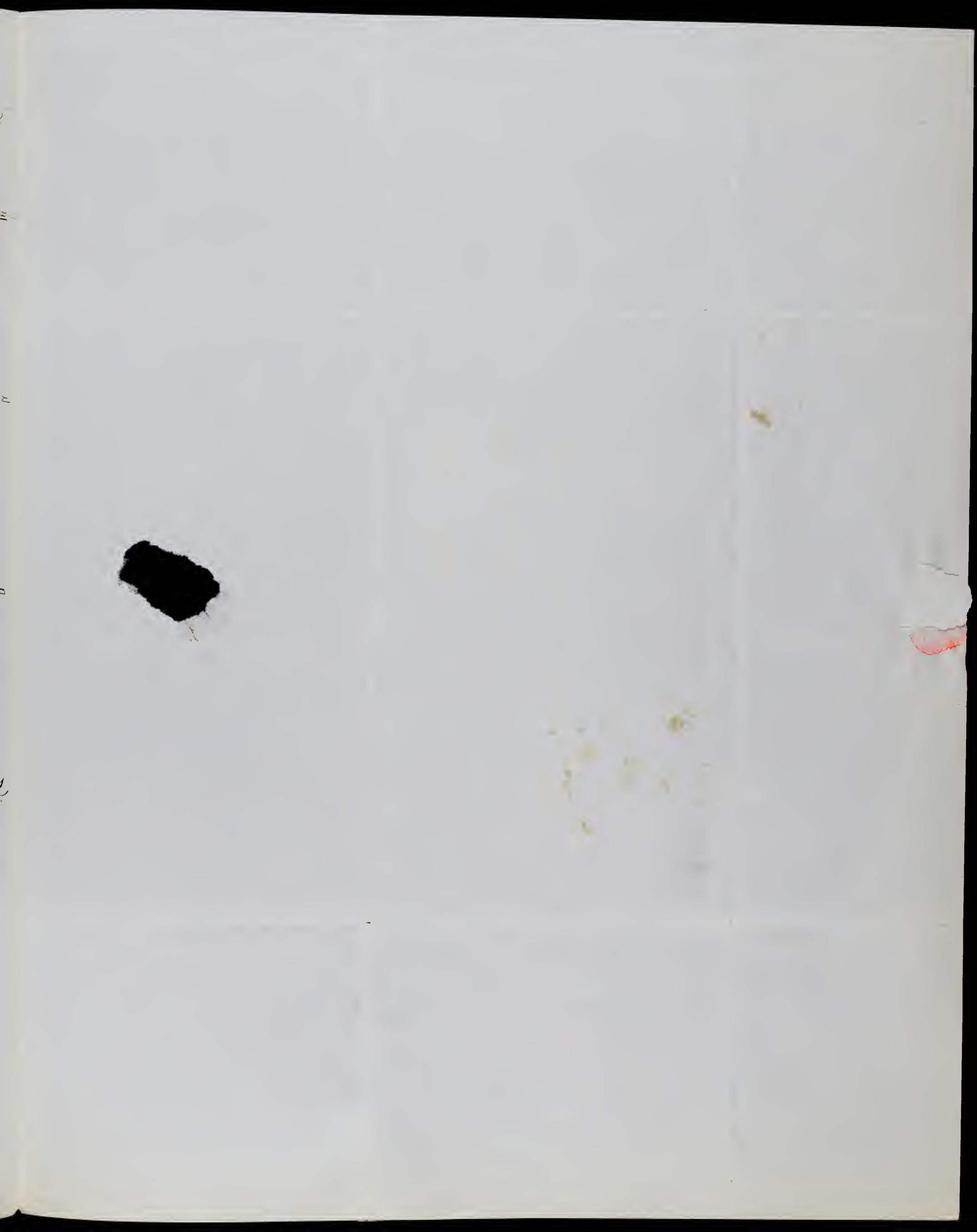
I remain very truly, my dear Sir, yours

W. W. Short.



Prof. Toney.

N. York.





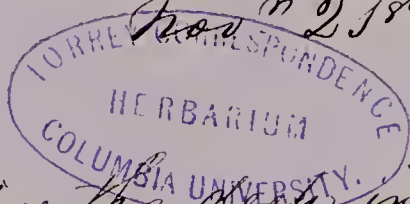
Prof. John Torrey M.D.
Med. Coll. Crosby Street,
New York.

again

Am. No. 30.

near Louisville, Ky. }
Nov^r 25th 1852 }

My dear Sir—



Knowing the deep interest which you, in common with myself, feel in the fate of poor Sundgren, I enclose to you a letter which I have just received from D^r Hardy. In addition to what little we had heard of him before, this only gives us to understand that he was last heard from at Knoxville, Tenn., and that only on the authority of a negro boy who had convey'd him there! I have begged D^r H. to institute more particular enquires after him, as I shall immediately do myself.

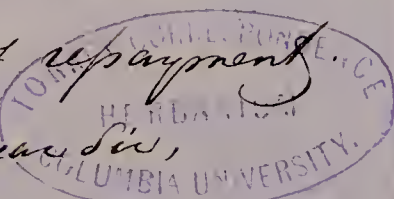
On the 18th of this month I wrote to you in reply to yours of the 6th inst. In that letter I requested the favour of you to remit to D^r Hardy \$83. for the loan made to L. together with interest to the time of repayment.

Very truly, my dear Sir,

I remain yours

C. W. Short

Prof^r Torrey.

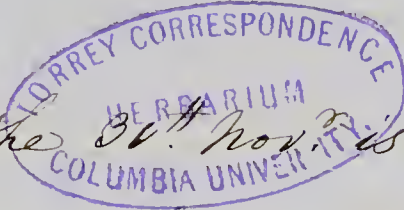


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Rec^d & ansd
Dec. 10th.

near Louisville, Ky. Dec. 6th 1852.

My dear Sir—



Your favour of the 30th Nov. is this moment rec^d. and I must beg you to pardon me, if my solicitude on the subject of poor Sundgren's fate should induce me to trouble you on his account more frequently than may be convenient or agreeable to yourself. As I was mainly—perhaps entirely—instrumental in his undertaking this unfortunate, if not fatal expedition, I feel, indeed, exceedingly anxious about him; and cannot excuse myself if I do not make every reasonable effort to ascertain his fate. With these feelings I am truly sorry that your last letter throws no additional light on the subject, but on the contrary seems to render 'confusion worse confounded' in my mind. This may be owing to the obtuseness of my comprehension on all subjects, but especially on money matters, and I must, therefore, my dear Sir, beg you to explain, a sentence in your letter which I cannot comprehend—you say, "His" (D.^r Hardy's) "letter to you (which I herewith return) was written before mine to him, enclosing the former check to Sundgren for \$100, (returned paid) was received." D.^r H.'s letter above referred to, was dated Nov. 10th at which time you think he had not rec^d. yours to him enclosing a remittance of \$100 for Sundgren; and yet in the next sentence I find this in your last letter, "I am now inclined to think he may have had my letter to him placed in his hands, just as he

was leaving Asheville, and that it was cash'd at Knoxville" —
How can this be possible when he left Asheville on the 12th of July?²
D^r Hardy, moreover, affirms positively that Sundgren received not
a line from any one whilst he was in or about Asheville. you
say, moreover, that you had requested Sundgren to forward the
check to me "after he had done with it". How could he have
done this when he no longer had control of either a check or
draft after he had drawn the money on it? — These points,
so difficult for me to comprehend, may perhaps be render'd more
intelligible if you will favour me with a mem. of the times,
and manner of your different advances to Sundgren. I am at
present informed of the payment of \$50. to D^r Gibbs — \$83. to D^r
Hardy and \$100 transmitted to H. for Sundgren, but the dates of these
different payments ~~are~~, with the exception of the one to Hardy, I do
not understand. — I beg, my dear Sir, that you will not miscon-
strue my motive in asking for these items of information. They are
desired solely for the purpose of gaining some data on which in-
formation seems necessary, in prosecuting enquiries for our lost Botanist.
— One other point occurs to me also — you say your check — "the
former check", to L. for \$100, was "returned paid" — were there two
checks for this amt. sent ~~to him~~ or Hardy for him? — By whom was
it returned to you and ~~by whom~~ from whence?

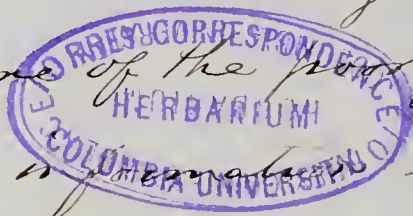
I wrote to D^r Hardy at the same time I wrote to
you last, desiring him to make all possible enquiry at Asheville,
Cherokee,

as to Lundgren's fate
and Knoxville ~~desiring him to make all possible enquiries~~
and particularly to ascertain whether he had left any collections
at Asheville, to which point he proposed returning in four weeks
from the time of leaving it - whether he had stopped to make collec-
tions on the way to Knoxville - How long he was travelling be-
tween these points - At what house he stopped in Knoxville -
The character of the man or boy who drove the wagon for him &c. &c.
I have written myself to a physician of extensive practice,
and well known, at Knoxville for information. - I will thank
you to give me a description of Lundgren's person, age,
manner, speech &c. &c. which may be necessary in an advertis-
ment which I propose having published in the Knoxville papers.

At present there occurs to me several methods of ac-
counting for his mysterious disappearance - 1st, as you have suggested,
that ~~the~~ driver has proved false and treacherous - 2^d. That he may
have been robbed and murdered by others - 3^d that he may have
been taken sick and died in some out of the way place - 4th that
some fatal accident has befallen him, on some of his explorations,
when alone - or lastly that he has run off! - To each of these
speculations many pros and cons might be urged, which it would
be needless to enter upon at present - Our main object at this
time being to ascertain what has become of the poor fellow -
Has Dr. Gibbs been able to give you any information?

Very truly, my dear Sir, I remain yours

C. C. Short.



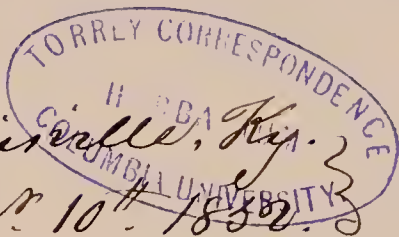
P.S. This letter has been so entirely absorbed by one matter that I defer until my next a reference to other matters contained in your last.

Prof. J. J. Jones
New York

Recd Dec. 16.
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near Louisville, Ky.

Dec. 10th 1850.

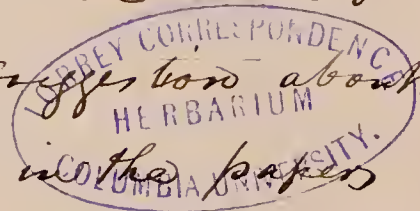


My dear Sir—

A letter which I wrote to you on the 6th of this month was so entirely taken up with remarks on Mr. Lundgren and his unintelligible disappearance, that I had no room to say anything on some other matters that I designed to mention to you, which I proposed making the apology of another communication. But before doing so, I must again refer to the same subject on which I have addressed you so often, by enclosing to you a short note this moment rec^d. from a gentleman in Knoxville, who was written to on the subject by my friend Dr. Vandell. From this information it would appear that Mr. Lundgren had been traced as far as Athens, a little town some 60 miles South West of Knoxville, or probably to Chattanooga, which is at the ex-

extreme N. W. corner of Georgia, where it
joins Tennessee. Chattanooga is on the
Rail Road now making between Charleston
S. C. and the Mississippi River; which is now
finished and in operation from Chattanooga
to the seaboard. So that if so long a time had
not elapsed, I should have supposed that Mr
L. had taken that route for returning to New
York. As it is I confess his movements
are all a mystery to me. What would
you think of Dr. Ramsey's suggestion about
having some notice inserted in the papers
of Tennessee? — If it is done some descrip-
tion of L.'s person will be needed, which
I will thank you to give me.

I am truly distressed to learn of
Mr. Carey's having gone to Europe to return
no more to this country. We can ill
spare so accurate and reliable a man from
the small — the very small corps of Amer-
ican Botanists. I thank you for the infor-
mation you have been pleased to give me



in relation to Mr. C. which although ^{not} of a very pleasing kind serves to explain what I should not otherwise have been able to understand; for I had hoped that he was in such easy and independent circumstances as to be able, with propriety, to devote the remainder of his life to those pursuits of which he seemed so fond, and to which he was so well fitted.

Your flattering request in regard to my daguerreotype shall certainly be complied with, and not the less willingly in consideration of the promise which you so kindly make of yours in return. I should long ago have made this request of you but that I did not feel myself authorized to tax your time or your pen even to this small extent. How shall I forward the picture to you? — Do you prefer any particular size?

I thank you for the recipe for making the adhesive mixture. Will not all the preparations of glue require to be warmed before using; for when cold they become stiff and

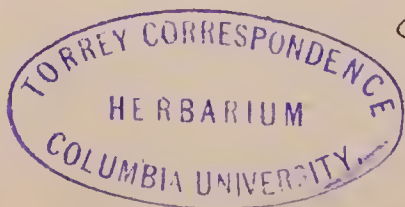
gelatinous?— Does not the mixture soon become putrid and offensive?— I have used for botanical purposes a common paste made of wheat flour to which is added a little corrosive sublimate, a few grains of which will effectually arrest fermentation or mould, so that it may be kept for months, even in hot weather, ready for use at any moment. I have feared however, that the paste of flour would invite the depredations of insects, and that the small fraction of the mineral poison would not prevent these depredations.

I am looking very anxiously for the parcel of Wright's plants which Dr. Gray puts in the hands of Little & Brown for me. They were requested to forward it by express a month ago, but as yet it has not come to hand.

Very truly, my dear Sir,

I am with great esteem,

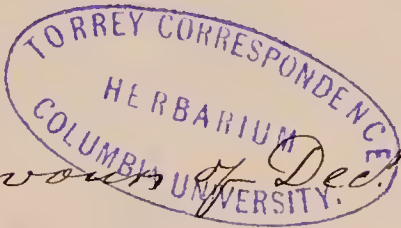
yours C. W. Shorth



Dr. Toney

near Louisville, Ky. Dec^r 31/52

My dear Sir—

 Your two favours of Dec^r 10th & 16th, with their several inclosures, have reached me, although both were several days longer on the way than usual, in consequence of having been misdirected by you to Lexington, Ky. — That place, or rather its neighbourhood, Woodford county, was the spot of my nativity, and I have often regretted leaving it, which I did some 15 years ago. — It is emphatically the "garden of Kentucky", and an infinitely preferable place of residence to this part of ^{it} Kentucky, in regard to fertility of soil, healthiness of location, beauty of landscape, but above all in botanical treasures! The calcareous, mineral cliffs of the Kentucky River, which waters that part of the State, are the richest localities I have ever seen, and produce many plants which I have met with no where else. — But I did not take up my pen to eulogize the "land of my nativity", and only refer to it for the purpose of correcting my own habitat, in your mind.

The explanations which you have kindly given me clear up all ambiguity as to your former letters, and the Documents which you send, together with the statements of Dr. Hardy, leave us no longer any apology or excuse for Lundgren. If he has not run off with the paltry sum in his hands, he has at least acted most inexcusably in imposing on Dr. Hardy, in disobeying instructions as to the points and time of his explanations, and in keeping us ignorant of his movements. So fully convinced, indeed, have I become, from all the evidences before me, that our worst suspicions are too well founded, that I feel no further inducements to ferret him by advertising him. It occurs to me that it would be a useless trouble and expense. My greatest fear now is that he may impose on others, and by showing letters from yourself and one which I wrote him at Ashville, obtain more money as he did from Dr. Gibbs & Hardy. A letter of introduction was furnished him, at my instance, from Dr. Drake to Judge King of Hendersonville, N. C. on which I fear

he may have exercised his financiering powers. I have written to Dr. Hardy on this subject; and I have requested Dr. H., moreover, to send to Charleston, (care of Dr. Gibbs) the bundle of Plants which L. left at Ashville, and to request Dr. G. to forward it to you by some safe conveyance. Will you do me the favour to write to Dr. G. on the subject? — Should it ever reach you I have to request the additional favour of you to do with this small reclamation, what I had intended to have done with the large and beautiful collections which I hoped at one time to have gotten by means of L. from the Mountains of N. C. — Michaux's classic "Hautes montagnes de Caroline", — divide them equally between yourself, Dr. Gray, Mr. Carey, Dr. Engelmenn, Mr. Sullivan and myself! — But we need not now think of taking so many bites at this small cherry.

You have done as I should have done, in paying the tavern bill at Ashville; but it remains to be determined what further bills of L.'s creation we are bound in honor or justice to pay.

I thank you very kindly for having so promptly complied with my request in regard to the Daguerreotype, and I will be obliged to you to have it safely enveloped, and left at the Harpers, Directed to Morton & Griswold, Louisville, Ky., for me. — By our friend Dr. Pillingham Jr. who will be returning East early in March, I will send you my beautiful face. I hope, however, that it will be a better looking thing than the Boston artist made of me, which my wife begged me not to leave for Gray, declaring that it made me look "crooked" than I really was."

I am, indeed, delighted to hear from you that there is some prospect of Mr. Carey's return to reside in this country again. Can we do anything to influence him in this movement? You speak of a Brother of his, living a short distance from New-York; and he has mentioned to me a Brother who had some taste for Botany; Is this the Merchant at 90, Pine Street? —

Very truly, my dear Doctor, I am yours

C. C. Short

near Louisville Ky. Feb. 26th 1853.

My dear Sir

I received some ^{weeks} ago a long letter from our poor friend Brogenhard, full of expressions of the deepest gratitude for the little favour which, through your instrumentality, I had the happiness to render him; for to help a deserving man in distress must always be a happiness — I have written him a few lines in reply to his communication, but as his letter bears the New-York post mark, I am at a loss whether to address it to that city or to Williamsburg; I have therefore taken the liberty of enclosing it to you, and will thank you to give it the proper direction for reaching him. He gives his habitat "Graham Avenue, next to corner of Stagg St." but whether New-York or Williamsburg he does not say.

I suppose that by this time we may, without any charge of precipitate judgment, come to the conclusion that our other eleemosynary is not so deserving — or rather that he better deserves incarceration in your "Tomb" or one of our Western county jails, for having so disgraced the name of Botanist and that too of a "Swedish Botanist"! — I have heard not one word further from any source, in relation to him, than that contained in Dr. Hardy's last letter to you, which you sent me; and am quite curious to know what you have heard about him from Europe, or whether the trunk which he left with you has thrown any

light upon his history? Did he bring you any letters from Europe?
- I suppose it is hardly possible that he can be the individual
referred to in the notice which I enclose, and which I cut from a
Louisville paper of this date. If he has spent the interim be-
tween his disappearance in Tennessee and arrival at Marion, Ala.
in making love to a lady and then deserting her, it would make
him ^{much} more worthy of our execration than his running off with
a few hundred dollars.

Do you ever hear of our good friend Carey? - As
soon as I heard of his intended return to England, I wrote to him
expressing my sorrow at his leaving us. This letter could not have
reached New-York before he left it, and I do not know that it was
forwarded to him. At all events I have received no communication
from him since his arrival in London.

Very truly, my dear Sir,

I am yours, C. W. Short

Prof. J. Torrey.

Near Louisville, Ky.
March 9th 1853.

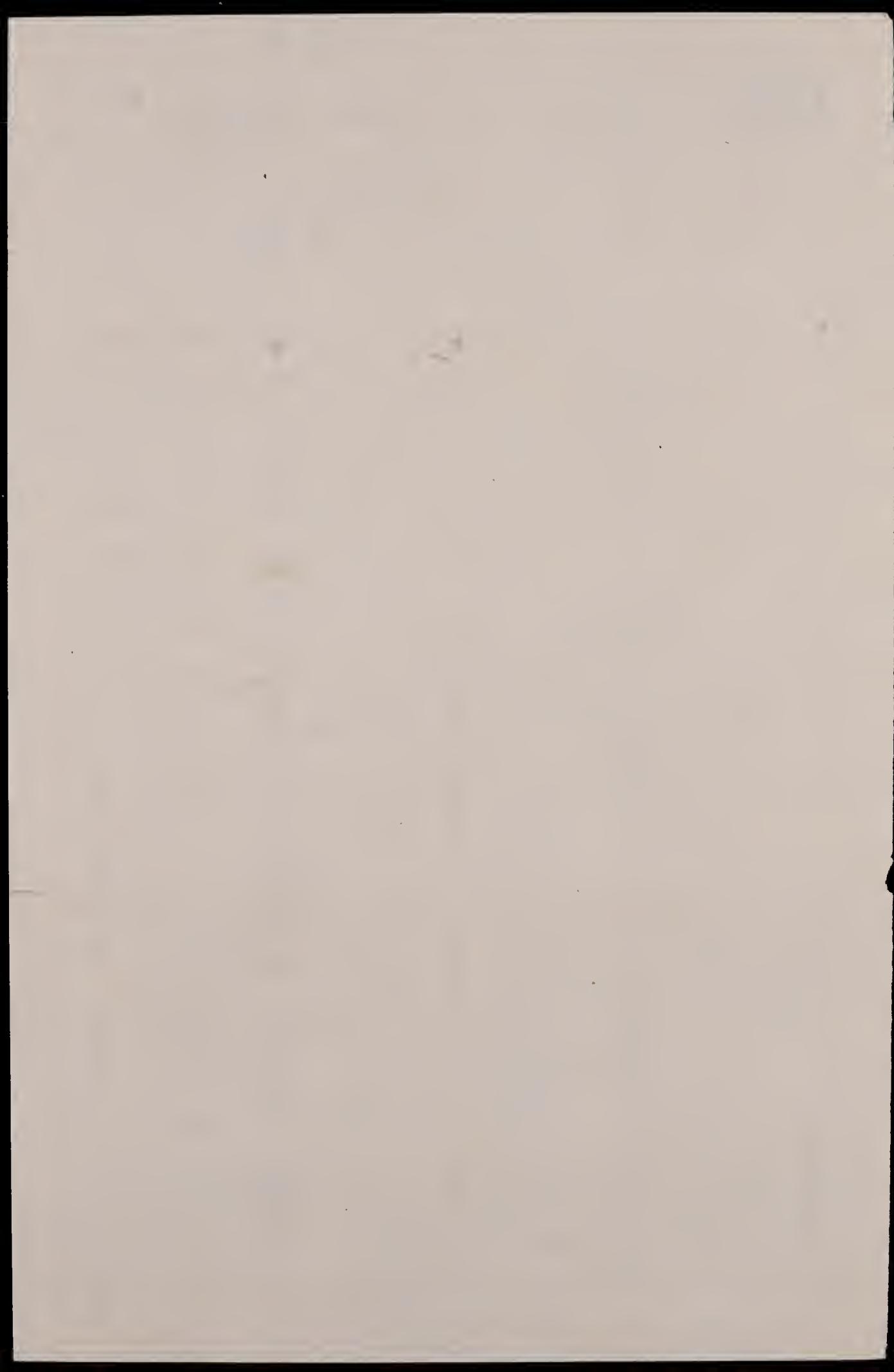
My dear Sir,

I had the pleasure a few days ago of receiving, through the Post-office, the Daguerreotype of yourself which you have been so kind as to send me; and on the same day I placed in the hands of our friend Prof. Silliman J. one of myself for you. Yours is certainly an excellent likeness, and I should judge a good specimen of the art. I am sorry that I cannot say as much for mine, which, like every thing else of the kind which has ever been taken of me, seems to me to be a poor thing. Perhaps, however, this is not the fault of the artist, for no man ^{who} has not a more striking face than mine should ever have it made.

Did you receive a double letter which I wrote to you on the 26th ult.?

Very truly, my dear Sir, I am yours

C. W. Short.



Ans^d. Oct. 17.

Hayfield, near Louisville, Ky.
Sep^r. 26th. 1853. }

My dear Sir—

I think I understood from you some time ago that a few dollars of the "Lundgren fund" still remained in your hands. If so, may I ask the favour of you to pay the two enclosed bills, for me and return me the receipts?—

Have you ever rec^d. from D^r. Gibb the parcel of plants which D^r. Hardy sent him? Although we can look for no good, much less anything new from this source, still I should like to know what the scamp was doing in the Mt^s of Carolina, whilst he pretended to be botanizing. Have you ever heard anything more from him, or about him, since he ran away?

I was disappointed in the pleasure which I had promised myself of seeing you this summer, in this quarter. Did you not attend the meeting at Cleveland?

I have done but little in Botany during the past year. Increasing years, with their attendant cares and troubles, will I suppose soon put an end to my labours, even in the humble field of a collector. Do you know of any laudable enterprise, now on foot for the advancement of our favourite Science, in which I can lend a helping hand?

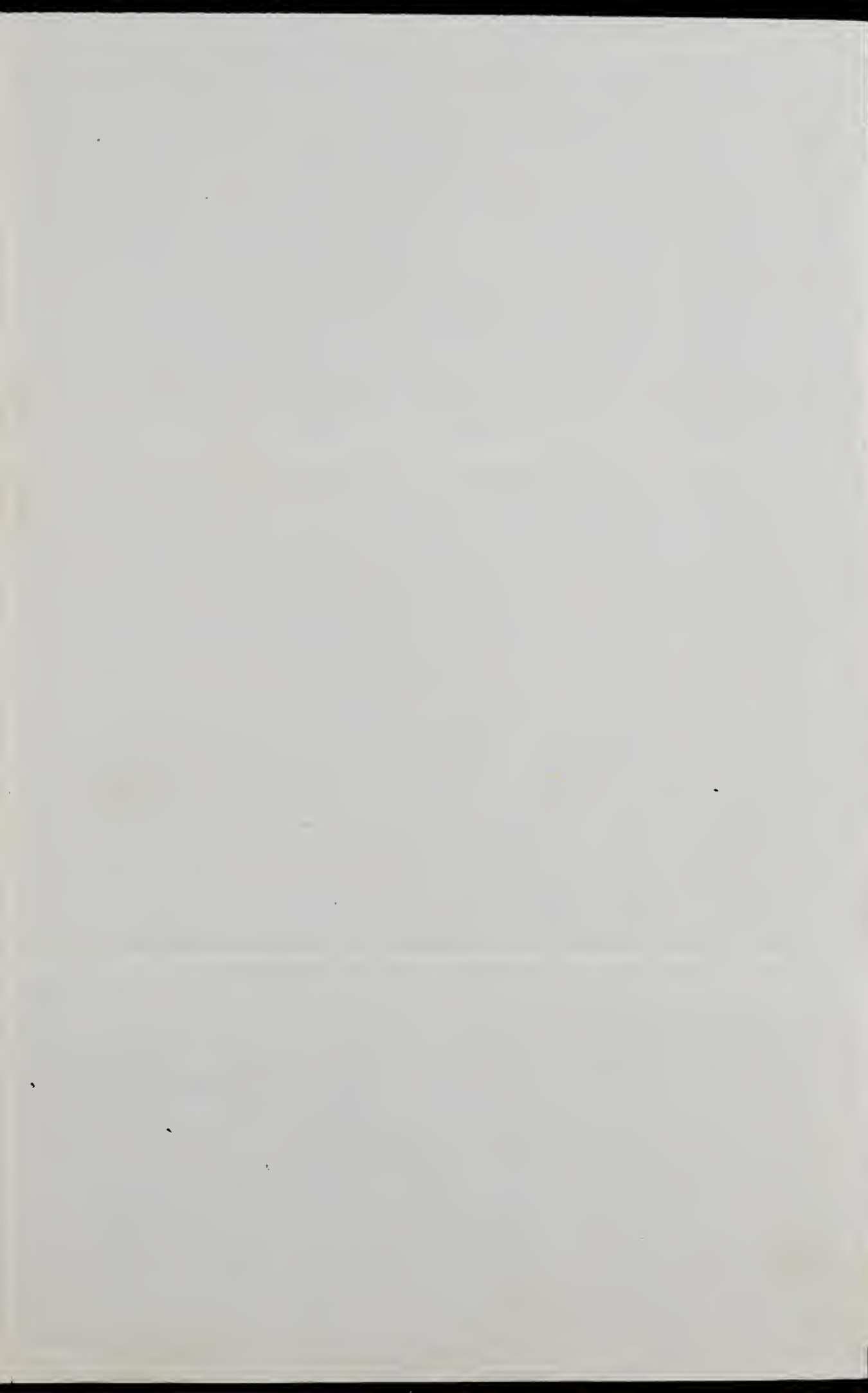
I trust that you have the prospect of a good clasp this winter, and that you will be well remunerated for your labours.

Any news lately from our friend Carey?—

Very truly and respectfully

I am yours

C. C. Short



D^r Joney,

Recd. Nov. 3/59
Ans. Jan. 19th 1860

New Town, N.Y.

October 31st 1859. }
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My dear Sir -

I thank you very kindly
for your obliging favour of the inst.
and have communicated what you say,
in reference to the Princeton property, to the
gentleman at whose instance I made the
enquiry of you. The price of the place ap-
pears to me very reasonable, but I do not
know his decision in regard to it.

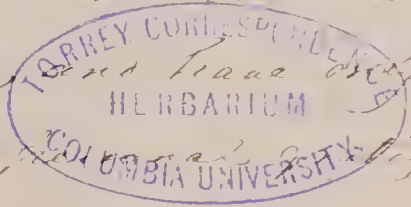
Through the agency of a friend
in Washington I have lately been en-
abled to procure the 2^d vol. of Emory Mex-
ican Boundary Report, and am delighted
with your charming paper on the Botany
of that region, and with Dr. Engelman's
account of its Cactaceae. I have only
to regret that these invaluable documents
could not have had the benefit of a more
critical revision by their author, before
they passed through the press. By the aid
of your Report I have been enabled

afford names to a great many of
Wright's, Burdett's, Fendler's and Lind-
heimer's Plants, which have been lying
for a long time nameless and useless on
my shelves. But still the larger part of
all these collections still remaining in
my hands, are without names; although
no doubt many of them—nearly all per-
haps—are embodied in your Report, but
no reference having been made to their
numbers I have not been able to iden-
tify them. I hope that some of these doubts
will be removed, when I receive from
Mr. Thunberg a set of his Mexican collec-
tion, which he kindly promised me some
time ago; and I will thank you to say to
him that it would be peculiarly accept-
able to me just now, as it would aid
me no doubt especially in naming and
arranging these other collections.

I am much pleased to learn that
this gentleman (Mr. T.) is now engaged in
drawing up something like a synopsis of
all the collections which have been made
west of the Mississippi for some years past,

with accurate references to the numbers at-
tached to the specimens of each collection.
This will be invaluable to those who pos-
sess sets of these collections; as it will ob-
viate the time and trouble of searching
through many detached and costly pub-
lications.

I thank you very kindly for
your good wishes in regard to my botanical
pursuits. I still continue, and probably will
continue so long as I am able, to collect and
prepare specimens of living plants in the sum-
mer, and to arrange myself with the study and
arrangement of dried ones in the winter. —
But I fear that my "labours of love" in these
matters have been of but little service
or benefit to the Science, and have only been
a source of private unprofitable pleasure
to myself. But what more could have
been expected from one, who in his earliest
and best days was doomed to the study
of a laborious medical practice; and in his
later and declining years is surrounded and
encumbered by the care and anxieties of
a large family? I have six children and



have lost four - have two twenty
two grand children, five of whom are
dead! - Is it any wonder that I have
done so little in the world of Science
or Letters? -

--- Little or much, however,
I beg you to be assured, my dear Sir,
that I shall ever entertain a most
ready sense of the "aid and comfort"
which you have at all times rendered
me, and that I am very socially and
gratefully yours

C. C. Moore.

P.S. I have quite a collection of
Willows, from 'Different Sources'. Would
they be of any service to Mr Anderson,
and if so, how shall I send them?

Dr John Torrey.

Information Wanted — A gentleman, styling himself Dr. Grey, came to Marion, Ala., says the Commonwealth, on the 6th of December last, took lodgings at the King House, and after spending some time in town, he was suddenly attacked with apoplexy, on the 18th of December. Medical aid was promptly summoned, but he died in a few hours. On examining his baggage, papers, and clothing, no traces of his name could be found, as there was but one letter in his possession, which was anonymous, and directed to Dr. Whitmore, in a lady's handwriting, upbraiding him for negligence and ill treatment of her. This, together with other collateral circumstances, induced the belief that he was traveling under an assumed name. He stated that he was a native of Kentucky, and had been residing at or near Baton Rouge, La., but was compelled to travel for his health. He was apparently thirty years of age, of medium size, about five feet ten inches in height, with dark hair, eyes, and beard; quite intelligent, humorous and very social in his disposition. He was fond of anecdotes, and in relating an Irish or German story, was perfectly inimitable. We have been thus concise in describing this mysterious personage, in order that some information may be elicited which will lead to the revelation of his real name and object; and also that his relatives and friends, if any, may learn his sad and untimely fate.

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